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US calls Rabin remarks on Golan 'serious'

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

THE US believes Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was serious in saying he is prepared to dismantle Golan Heights settlements as part of a deal with Damascus, and that his statement was not "something that slipped," a senior US administration official said.

"I think he's doing some conditioning of the Israeli public and I think he's sending signals to Assad at the same time," the official said.

"We'll see if there's increased ferment on the Syrian side as well," he added, saying, "There's a need for the Syrians to reach out to the Israeli public."

Rabin on Friday also said he was not opposed to dismantling settlements in Judea and Samaria in return for peace.

"If you read interviews with me that were conducted in the past, you will see that I said that for security I would not evacuate settlements; for peace, yes," Rabin said.

"I replied [on Thursday] to a question in general on the issue of evacuating settlements which a Golan Heights settler happened to ask. My reply reflected my general position with regard to Gaza, Judea, and Samaria and the Golan Heights," Rabin said.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit to the region, however, will not "break the deadlock or somehow produce a breakthrough" in Israeli-Syrian negotiations, the US official said.

Christopher will be meeting in London today with Jordan's King Hussein.

"I don't think the gaps at this point are ready to be overcome," the official said. "The negotiations themselves will have to get to the point where they're a good deal more ripe to resolve these issues."

The gaps go beyond the fact that Israel first wants to hear Syria's understanding of peaceful relations and that Syria insists that Israel first commit to fully withdraw from the Golan, he said.

"I think there's still a conceptual gap in terms of how those issues—peace, withdrawal, security—fit together. Even if you had one thing done, I'm not sure you'd solve the problem right away," the official said.

He added that the US also does not agree with Israeli press reports that Rabin has offered a "package" to jump-start the Jerusalem-Damascus talks.

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Cellular phone charges down from midnight

JUDY SIEGEL

STARTING at midnight tonight, cellular phone users will not have to pay for "air time" for incoming calls; the charge will be billed to those who initiate the calls.

The change, which will significantly reduce charges for cellular phone users, comes into effect following approval last week by the Knesset finance committee of a Communications Ministry proposal.

It is expected to encourage cellular phone owners to inform more people of their numbers. Until now, they were reluctant to do so, because they had to pay air time charges on incoming calls, while the callers only paid for phone units.

From now on, the initiator of the call will pay for both air time and phone units. Rate for the air time have not changed.

The charges, which account for both the call and the air time, are as follows:

- On Sundays through Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Fridays and holiday eves from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., one phone unit every 13 seconds. A phone unit currently cost a bit over 21 agorot, plus VAT.
- On Sundays through Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 8 the next morning, and on Fridays and holiday eves from 1 p.m. to Sunday or the day after the holiday at 8 a.m., one phone unit every 35 seconds.



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OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnay (second from right) checks the fence near Neveh Dekalim, following the terrorist stabbing there yesterday. (IDF Spokesman)

Ex-president Nixon dies aged 81

RICHARD Milhous Nixon was a political gut fighter whose career brought him lonely triumphs, deep disgrace, and—finally—grudging respect.

He died Friday at 81, having never recovered from a stroke he suffered Monday at his home in Park Ridge, N.J. His daughters, Julie Eisenhower and Tricia Cox, were by his side.

President Bill Clinton yesterday declared Wednesday an official day of mourning and ordered the federal government to close that day in tribute to him.

"Israel has lost a friend," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

"I personally lost a personal friend. He was the president who during the Yom Kippur war, in the face of the opposition of most of the world, sent military equipment and weapons to Israel," Rabin said on Army Radio.

Nixon, the nation's 37th president and the first to resign the office, never regained consciousness after he sank into a coma Thursday at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

He had left a living will that said he wanted no extraordinary measures taken to prolong his life and he was not put on a respirator, which might have relieved swelling in the brain. It is unlikely he could have recovered from partial paralysis and loss of speech.

Leaders from Washington to Moscow to Beijing praised Nixon's accomplishments, his political savvy and his dedication, despite the political storm called Watergate that forced him to resign in 1974.

'Israel has lost a friend' says Rabin

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NEW YORK



Nixon says farewell to members of his cabinet and staff in the White House after his resignation in August 1974. (Reuters)

Rabin said he first met Nixon while he was Israeli ambassador to Washington in 1966 and had maintained a close relationship till the very end. He said Nixon's 1973 airlift expressed support for Israel that it never had during its wars.

"Europe not only forbade American planes to stop at its airports, but even to fly over Europe, but he was determined to show American support to Israel during the war," Rabin said. "Israel knew during his term we had a friend in the White House who would strengthen our security and support peace moves."

He said after the signing of the agreement with the PLO at the White House last September, Nixon sent him an emotional handwritten letter.

"There is no doubt that President Nixon erred in the Watergate affair," Rabin said. "But I believe that the American people and American history will remember him as one of the great presidents."

In China yesterday, top leaders and ordinary people remembered the late president warmly, praising him as an old friend of their country.

When Nixon, on February 21, 1972, walked down the steps of Air Force One and shook the hand of then Chinese premier Zhou Enlai at Beijing Airport he symbolically ended decades of hostility between the two nations.

President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng sent a telegram of condolence in which they praised Nixon "a politician with strategic long-term vision and political courage (who) ... opened the door for a new era in Sino-American relations."

Nixon's role during the Yom Kippur War

COMMENT

DAVID MAKOVSKY

war, it became apparent that Israel was not turning the tide after the surprise Egyptian attack across the Suez Canal.

Nixon and Kissinger believed there was an opportunity to be found in Israeli adversity. Receiving back-channel messages from Egyptian National Security adviser Hafez Ismail that Egypt had no intention to carry the battle into Israel proper, both concluded that a limited Egyptian victory would be a good idea.

Such an Egyptian victory would ease Israel's post-war negotiating posture, bring Cairo into the US geopolitical orbit at the Soviet Union's expense, and ensure that the US position would not be hurt by the Arabs.

Therefore, when Israeli envoy Simcha Dinitz urgently reported to US officials the news of heavy Israeli losses in Sinai by the fourth day of the war, he received nothing more than lip-service support.

A variety of logistical excuses were manufactured about why the airlift was delayed.

As National Security Council staffer William Quandt subsequently chronicles, the plan was to have Israel accept a UN Security Council "cease-fire in place" resolution that would ratify Egyptian gains.

By the sixth day of the war, with Israel still suffering losses and a Soviet airlift to Egypt en route, then premier Golda Meir cabled the US that Israel was ready to accept the unfavorable UN terms. (Foreign Minister Abba Eban would later recall his shock at the serious post-war diplomatic implications of this move.) The Nixon-Kissinger strategy appeared destined to prevail.

All the preparations for the UN Security Council meeting were set. However, Nixon-Kissinger did not

take one factor into account: Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Winning the war and about to receive more Soviet weaponry, Sadat saw no reason why he should agree to a cease-fire, even one that validated his gains.

Sadat rebuffed the US call, and the US arm-twisting of Israel accomplished by withholding advance weaponry to Israel for four crucial days was for naught. Once that strategy failed, Nixon and Kissinger saw no advantage in withholding weapons anymore.

All of a sudden there were no more excuses, and the airlift proceeded.

Apart from the Yom Kippur War, Israelis appreciate Nixon for his general public support for the country, and because he was the first US president to visit here. He also approved the sale of Phantom jets to Israel in 1969 and institutionalized US aid to Israel in 1974.

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Two Gazans stab woman in Gush Katif settlement

Settlers shoot dead one terrorist, wound the other

JON IMMANUEL and ALON PINKAS

TWO Gazans identified as Hamas activists infiltrated the settlement of Neveh Dekalim in Gush Katif yesterday morning and stabbed a young woman seven times before being gunned down by settlers, who killed one terrorist and wounded the other.

Sigal Sofer, a 23-year-old mother of two, was nursing her two-week-old baby when she was attacked in the front yard of her home. She was admitted to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba with moderate wounds.

Dania Hershkovitz, a spokeswoman for the Gush Katif settlement, said the two terrorists got into Neveh Dekalim by burrowing underneath the perimeter fence. Sofer's home is located nearby.

After the attack, the two terrorists ran in the direction of the synagogue, where they were seen approaching by armed settlers leaving the Shabbat morning service at 9:30. They opened fire, killing one of the terrorists and wounding the other.

The IDF identified the two as Mahmoud Touman, who was killed, and Ahmed Kidra. Palestinian sources said the two, aged 17 and 18, respectively, were from the Khan Yunis refugee camp, located a few hundred meters from Neveh Dekalim, home to some 350 families.

A security source said angry settlers kicked the wounded terrorist after he was shot and that soldiers intervened.

Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, took responsibility for the attack in a call to Israel Radio's Arabic Service. It also took responsibility in a leaflet Friday for the killing of soldier Shabar Simani, whose body was found in northern Jerusalem on Thursday. He had been kidnapped near

Beersheba. In other incidents in the territories, Reuters, quoting Palestinian sources, reported that settlers had shot and critically wounded a 14-year-old Palestinian boy in Gaza last night. The sources said Palestinian youths may have been throwing stones at the settlers.

The army said it was checking the report.

Also yesterday, an IDF soldier, Lior Mizrahi, was shot in the neck and severely wounded at an observation post in Nabulus. The shots were fired from a post office branch across the street, near the town's police station.

In Hebron, 32-year-old Joudah Abu Sineh, suspected of cooperating with the authorities, was shot by Palestinian gunmen while servicing his car in a garage. Palestinian sources said.

Palestinians sources also said that 11-year-old Shafik Shawa, who was shot by soldiers in Gaza on April 11, died of his wounds in a local hospital.

On Wednesday evening, two gunmen fired at an Israeli car in Gush Katif, but the two occupants escaped with light wounds. Izzadin Kassam had said that attack was to be the first of daily attacks on Israelis until the army released hundreds of its supporters arrested last week.

The IDF, which currently is thinly deployed around the settlements, is expected to deploy more soldiers in the area after it withdraws from Palestinian population centers.

Following the attack on the soldier in Nabulus, other soldiers spotted at least one assailant, returned fire and began pursuit. Army sources said one man was wounded by soldiers' fire.

A curfew was imposed on Nabulus and the surrounding refugee camps, confining some 150,000 Palestinians to their homes.

Police skeptical of Hamas claim on killing of soldier

BILL HUTMAN and Itim

JERUSALEM police remained skeptical about the anonymous call Friday claiming Hamas was responsible for the kidnapping and slaying of 2nd Lt. Shabar Simani. Simani, who was buried Friday, was found stabbed to death in north Jerusalem Thursday.

Police sources close to the investigation said last night it is still unclear whether Hamas is responsible for the attack.

On Friday, a man claiming to belong to Hamas took an operator at Israel Radio's Arabic Service the group murdered 20-year-old Simani.

But the call was just as likely to have come from a prankster as someone indeed connected with Hamas, the sources said. They noted that the call came long after the attack, which was not typical for authentic claims of responsibility by terror groups.

Hamas has claimed responsibility for at least one recent attack, which in fact it was not involved in, according to the sources.

The police have obtained a court order forbidding publication of details of the investigation of that incident, and the terrorist's identity.

A security source said over the weekend that their investigation is focusing mainly on terrorist gangs from eastern Jerusalem. The source said it appears the group responsible is one that was previously unknown, noting no Hamas handbills had been distributed about the murder.

A similar gang made up of residents of eastern Jerusalem killed General Security Service agent Nissim Toledo about a year-and-a-half ago, as well as two policemen near Hadera. The gang was captured about a year ago, after their attacks sparked the deportation of more than 400 Hamas and Islamic Jihad members to Lebanon.

Thousands attended Simani's funeral Friday in Ashkelon, among them Likud MK Moshe Katsav.

Final Gaza/Jericho deal expected by next week

Talks resume in Cairo today

News agencies

signing in Washington of the Israel-PLO accord.

Before returning to PLO headquarters in Tunis, Arafat said the talks in Bucharest "played an important role ... towards definitively implementing what we agreed on in Washington."

In Tunis, Arafat met with other PLO leaders at his headquarters to seek their approval for the agreements reached with Israel on implementing Palestinian autonomy. PLO officials said.

The PLO sources said Arafat has told senior PLO officials he expects to join Rabin in Cairo on May 2 to sign the implementation agreement.

The Bucharest meetings follow

an agreement reached Wednesday in Cairo on civilian aspects of transferring power to Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho.

The agreement involves how Palestinians will run day-to-day affairs in Gaza and the Jericho area after the IDF withdraws.

Arafat is tentatively expected to fly to Cairo on Tuesday or Wednesday to meet US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and also to be close to Palestinian negotiators if completion of the accord looks likely, PLO sources said.

"We are expecting Israel's definite responses to several pending issues in security and economic areas," a close aide to Arafat told Reuters.

But although PLO officials have intensified their preparations for taking over the Gaza Strip and Jericho, PLO officials are not overconfident that a deal can be reached.

"It is difficult to make a prognosis, there are still some important issues which need solutions," PLO executive committee member Yasser Abed-Rabbo said. Abed-Rabbo said the remaining issues include the extent to which Palestinian law will prevail over Israeli law in the territories.

Other PLO sources, giving details of issues still to be settled, said the size of the areas to come under Palestinian control still have to be set.

"The problem of the Jericho area will be decided at a summit between Arafat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin," one source said.

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Fatah Hawks, Hamas sign deal

JON IMMANUEL

THE Fatah Hawks and Izzadin Kassam, the armed wings of Fatah and Hamas, on Friday signed a six-point accord pledging to settle internal Palestinian disputes peacefully in the Gaza Strip.

The agreement, coming just weeks before the planned PLO takeover of Gaza's administration, includes a pledge by Izzadin Kassam to suspend attacks for one month on Palestinians they consider collaborators with the General Security Service. By the time the month is over, the PLO is expected to be in charge of Gaza's administration.

The accord does not refer to violence against Israelis. In leaflets distributed Thursday and yesterday, Izzadin Kassam swore to attack Israelis "daily at sunrise" in response to the arrests of hundreds of its members last week. The PLO has pledged in its agreement with Israel to act forcefully to prevent attacks against Israelis, and to apprehend attackers when it takes over the Gaza administration.

Yesterday's attack against Sigal Sofer in Neveh Dekalim was the third attack in three days for which Hamas has taken responsibility, and it may also have been responsible for shooting a soldier in Nablus yesterday.

The accord was signed between the Hawks and Kassam, but the participants in the two weeks of talks included senior political officers of Hamas and Fatah in the Gaza Strip.

Dr. Zakaria Agha, head of the Fatah 13-member Higher Council in Gaza, who participated in some of the meetings, said the accord was signed by the armed wings rather than the political factions, because he believes Hamas, which opposes the Israel-PLO agreement, "did not want to give the impression the accord was political. Political issues were not discussed, but we did agree to continue dialogue and hope for political

reconciliation," Agha told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The talks began after a violent clash between Fatah Hawks and Izzadin Kassam in Rafiah refugee camp two weeks ago. The agreement is limited to Gaza, because the problem originated there, he said.

Although the agreement is "non-political," the six points of the Hawks-Kassam accord go beyond a promise to end violence in Palestinian society. They also pledged to end hostile statements about each other's organizations. In addition, both sides decided to cut down on strike days. The deaths of those killed by Israeli soldiers will be commemorated by strikes in their home towns only, and not throughout Gaza, a concession to merchants and other critics of prolonged strikes.

Reuters adds from Tunis: Hamas has offered to take part

in the Palestinian administration to be set up in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho after Israel withdraws. PLO officials said yesterday.

It was not clear what prompted the apparent softening in Hamas' policy, but the group has been under increasing pressure from Jordan and Israel to halt its violent activities.

Sakhr Abu-Nizar, a member of the PLO's mainstream Fatah central committee, said Hamas last week offered to take part in the Palestinian administration and that Fatah leadership was discussing a plan to respond to the Hamas' proposal.

He said Yasser Arafat would meet Hamas leaders soon to "discuss how to make the proposal workable."

Arafat spokesman Marawan Kanfani confirmed that Arafat had received the proposal from Hamas, and that he is willing to discuss it.

Rabin to seek 'dialogue' with top Russian leaders

Jerusalem Post Staff

Russia can play a positive role as it has done in Yugoslavia, and I hope to reach much closer contacts with the Russian leadership on the political process," he added.

When Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev visited Israel last month with his own proposal for rekindling peace talks between Israel and the PLO, he was politely dismissed and asked to coordinate with the US before throwing a new piece into the Middle East puzzle.

Rabin's spokesman said the prime minister would divide his four-day visit between meetings with Russian leaders, in which several economic agreements would be signed, and meetings with the Jewish community.

Spokesman Oded Ben-Ami said Rabin plans to visit Jewish centers

and schools, and attend an Israeli folklore performance bringing "regards from Israel" to the 550,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union who have settled here since 1989.

Rabin indicated he hopes his contacts with Russian leaders would facilitate further immigration. Among leaders he will see will be President Boris Yeltsin and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

"We must remember the potential growth of the Israeli population depends on immigration from Russia and other states of the former Soviet Union and we have an interest in maintaining a high level of dialogue with Russia," Rabin said.

One sentimental stop on the itinerary will be a visit to St. Petersburg, birthplace of Rabin's mother, the former Rosa Cohen.

PLO officials: Eight more deportees allowed to return

Jerusalem Post Staff

ISRAEL has given permission for eight more Palestinian deportees to return to their homes in the territories, a senior PLO official in Amman said yesterday.

It would be the third batch of Palestinian deportees to be allowed home since the beginning of the month. They will travel to the territories from Jordan next week, but no date has been set, said Omar Khatib, deputy chief of the PLO mission in Amman.

The IDF spokesman refused to confirm or deny this report last night.

Nearly 80 deportees returned home in two earlier groups, including about 30 Palestinian fugitives wanted for crimes committed in the intifada. Khatib said the eight are part of a group of 80 Palestinians Israel has tentatively agreed to allow to return home.

The Palestinians have been living in Jordan. Khatib identified them as Othman Dawood, Jamal Jbara, Hani Haloub, Issam Babai, Mohammed Moutawer, Jamal Abu Latif, Nouredin Ja'abari and Mohammed Amin Ja'abari.

US extends PLO waivers an extra year

HILLEL KUTTNER

WASHINGTON

CONGRESS will vote this week on extending through July 1, 1995, President Bill Clinton's authority to waive restrictions on benefits the PLO may receive here, Capitol Hill sources say.

The administration had preferred an open-ended waiver, but the Senate and House committees were more cautious of the PLO and insisted on a renewable waiver, the sources said.

Under terms of the new extension, the State Department will now have to report to Congress every six months on the PLO's progress towards establishing an office here.

It will also have to report on whether the PLO is renouncing individual acts of terror and working towards removing the Arab boycott of Israel.

The one-year extension, which was agreed to recently by the foreign affairs committees of the House of Representatives and

Senate, is contained in the State Department Authorization Act. The present six-month waiver was due to expire this summer. An earlier three-month waiver was passed following last autumn's signing of the Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles.

Before then, US law forbade the administration from engaging in a dialogue with the PLO; allowing the PLO to set up an office here; and contributing to international financial bodies that benefited the organization.

The State Department had preferred that it not be required to seek congressional waivers anymore.

"Our basic attitude is we can certainly live with Congress' approach," a senior administration official said. "The notion of a permanent waiver is that you wouldn't have to renew it periodically. Obviously, from a standpoint of convenience, not having to renew it would make it easier."

PLO, World Bank agree on economic projects

TUNIS (Reuters) - The PLO and the World Bank have reached several agreements to start financing development projects in the territories, a senior PLO official said.

The agreements are related to the budget of a Palestinian economic council, which is to manage international aid for the reconstruction of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Farouk Kadoumi, the PLO's

"foreign minister" and vice-president of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction, said he signed the deals with World Bank official Ram Shobra at the end of a two-day meeting in Tunis.

The World Bank acts as secretariat for the International Donors conference, which pledged a total of \$2 billion over the next five years, including \$600 million for

1994 for projects in the territories.

He said the PLO and the World Bank would meet to discuss swift implementation of the development projects.

Kadoumi said the PLO was satisfied with the results of its talks with the World Bank delegation.

"The meeting went in a positive atmosphere for the two parties," he said. "We have signed a number of agreements."

Gov't denies Amnesty allegations on torture

THE government has denied allegations by Amnesty International that the army engaged in systematic torture of Palestinians.

"There is no systematic torture of detainees," Uri Dromi, director of the Government Press Office, said Friday. He said there are "strict rules" to ensure proper treatment of prisoners.

In a statement from London, Amnesty charged that thousands of Palestinians in the territories are detained on security grounds each year and subjected to "torture or ill-treatment" during interrogation.

The statement noted that guidelines for Israeli security services published after a 1986 investigation

into torture permitted agents to use "a moderate degree of physical pressure."

The army said in a separate statement that "instructions explicitly state that the dignity, physical well-being, and health of a person being questioned must be maintained." It also said all complaints are investigated.

Dromi said that sometimes security agents have to resort to tough measures to try to uncover plans for bombing attacks so they could be prevented.

"I would expect our investigators and security people to use any measure to get the information to prevent atrocities and save the lives of innocent Arabs and Jews," Dromi said.

Progress cited in economic talks

PARIS (Reuters) - The chief PLO negotiator on economic relations between Israel and the future self-governing Palestinian areas said on Friday the talks are making progress, but the crucial trade issue remains to be solved.

Abu Ala (Ahmed Korei) said the two sides have touched "the heart of the problem" in a difficult round of talks that ended on Friday and would resume work tomorrow. He defined the issue as "whether there will be a Palestinian policy for imports and trade or not."

He also said the Palestinians are still pressing to issue their own independent currency, initially in symbolic amounts, and for free movement of Palestinian labor into Israel.

It is very difficult to discuss free movement of labor when Israel is barring tens of thousands of Palestinians from traveling to their jobs inside the Green Line, he said.

"There's a big, big difference between what is happening on the ground and the spirit of the talks in Paris," Abu Ala said.

Israel wants open markets between Israel and the territories and is demanding the Palestinians set

rael-level customs tariffs on all but a limited list of goods to avoid becoming a gateway for smuggled goods.

However, Abu Ala said the right of the Palestinians to import basic items according to their own needs from the Arab and Islamic world, including countries which boycott Israel, and from third countries, was at stake.

"We face a real problem because they want to put constraints on us. We believe this is mainly an attempt to protect Israeli production rather than for standardization, health or safety," he said.

The two sides have agreed on a list of goods which the Palestinians may import independently from the Arab and Islamic world. This included construction materials and industrial and agricultural equipment.

The two sides have already agreed on industry, agriculture, tourism, and petroleum. The Palestinians will import and price oil products freely except for petrol, for which the pump price may not be more than 15 percent below the Israeli price.

Abu Ala said he doubts Israeli motorists would drive to Ramallah or Bethlehem just to tank up at cheaper Palestinian filling stations.

Hizbullah attacks IDF post in central part of security zone

ALON PINKAS

AN IDF outpost in the central sector of the security zone in south Lebanon was attacked yesterday by Hizbullah, according to Lebanese security sources.

The IDF confirmed there was an exchange of fire, but did not comment on reports that a Hizbullah force approached the outpost before attacking it.

According to Lebanese reports,

a Hizbullah force attacked an IDF-held post near Kantara, in the central sector of the security zone. Fire was exchanged between the attacking force and IDF tanks. The sources added that the Hizbullah force managed to retreat from the zone. In response, IDF artillery and tanks opened fire on Waddi Kabriha, an area harboring Hizbullah gunmen.

Lebanese hold ex-warlord for questioning in church blast

BEIRUT (Reuters) - Detained former Lebanese warlord Samir Geagea will be kept in custody for a long time for questioning over possible links to a church blast and the killing of a Christian leader, judicial sources said yesterday.

Investigators began questioning Geagea, leader of the banned Lebanese Forces (LF), Lebanon's largest militia during the civil war, on Friday after troops hauled him into the ministry of defense from his mountain headquarters on Thursday night.

"Geagea will probably be held for a long time, because investigations will be intensive and will require having Geagea confront the other (LF) detainees," one source told Reuters.

No arrest warrant has been issued against him yet, the sources added.

About 20 LF members, including Geagea's No. 2 man Fuad Malek, have been arrested in connection with the February 27 church blast that killed 11 people and the 1990 assassination of Christian

leader Dani Chamoun, his wife and two sons.

Investigative Judges Joseph Freiha and Munir Hsein will decide whether Geagea will face charges.

"No one expects Geagea or Malek to be set free before the end of this year," said the Christian opposition daily *Nida'a al-Watan* quoting what it said were informed sources.

One of the detainees - who include members of the LF's elite civil war crack force and security apparatus - was said to have died of a heart attack while in custody.

Geagea, who sees himself as the toughest post-war opponent of the Syrian-backed government and the continued presence of 35,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon, said the accusations against him aim to hit the LF and silence the opposition.

Until his arrest, he had been holed up at his headquarters in the mountain village of Ghidras in the Christian heartland north of Beirut since the LF was banned a month ago.

Syria welcomes Rabin's remarks on Golan settlements

DAMASCUS (Reuters) - Syria yesterday welcomed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's offer to dismantle settlements on the Golan Heights as a step forward, but said peace is impossible without a full withdrawal from the Golan.

The official Syrian newspaper *Tishreen*, referring to remarks by Rabin on Thursday that he would evacuate settlements for the sake of peace, urged him to turn his words into deeds.

"We could say that a step was made by Rabin when he recognized the necessity of dismantling settlements and that peace, not settlements, would provide security," *Tishreen* said.

It added: "Rabin knows well that peace with Syria is impossible without the return of the whole

Golan ... "We hope that Rabin's remarks are not a maneuver on the occasion of [US Secretary of State Warren] Christopher's tour."

Christopher is to meet Syrian President Hafez Assad next week to discuss how to break the deadlock in the Syrian-Israeli peace negotiations. He is also due to meet Israeli leaders.

On Friday, state-run radio reiterated Syria's rejection of any peace pact that does not stipulate full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights and dismantling of all Jewish settlements there.

"Partial withdrawal does not lead to peace," the radio said. "Only the dismantling of all settlements and the complete departure of Israeli occupation forces will bring peace to the Middle East."

MK, family attacked by anti-gov't protestors

MK Shlomo Bibbut (Labor), chairman of the Ma'alot-Tarshiha local council, and his family were attacked Friday by demonstrators protesting his support of the peace process. He, his wife and children required medical treatment.

Shortly before Shabbat, dozens of members of the town's religious

community and students at the local *Yeshiva* turned up at Bibbut's house, cursing him. When he asked them to leave, he and his family were assaulted.

Bibbut accused the police of doing nothing to stop the demonstrations, leading to Friday's incident.

Iranian FM denies his country holding Ron Arad

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati denied yesterday that Iran was holding missing airman Ron Arad.

In a rare exchange between an Iranian official and an Israeli reporter, Velayati was asked by an Army Radio correspondent in Bucharest whether his country was holding Arad, whose aircraft was

shot down over Lebanon in 1986. "I don't know how much it is related to the present discussions that we have, but I categorically deny there is any prisoner from Israel in Iran," Velayati said.

Senior pro-Iranian sources in Lebanon have said Arad is in Syrian hands. Israel has said he is held by Hizbullah or Iran. (Reuters)

Seven-year-old killed by car

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Ron Chen of Tirat Carmel was killed Friday afternoon when he was hit by a passing car. He was taken to Haifa's Rambam Hospital by a Magen David Adom ambulance, but doctors were unable to save him. Haifa police detained the driver of the car for questioning.

Friday night, 39-year-old bicyclist Yoram Ophir was seriously injured when he was hit by a car in Tel Aviv's Bavi neighborhood. An MDA crew found him unconscious alongside his bicycle on Steinman Street, and took him to Ichilov Hospital. Police are searching for the hit-and-run driver.

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Crowds flock to hospital after death of Nixon

JEANNE KING

NEW YORK AS news of former President Richard Nixon's death spread, New Yorkers converged on the prestigious Upper East Side hospital in Manhattan where he had lapsed into a coma after suffering a stroke.

"Nixon was a great person to hate at the time. There has always been corruption but I think the widespread disillusionment with the government was probably started by Watergate," said Matthew Perry, 55, a New York filmmaker.

Perry was one of dozens of Manhattanites who arrived at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Centre in the hours that followed Nixon's death Friday.

Anis Satti, 53, a former delegate to the United Nations from Pakistan and now an international business consultant here, mourned Nixon's passing.

"I was an admirer of Nixon and he was a very close friend of my country," said Satti, adding that he had heard the news of Nixon's death and decided to walk to the hospital to pay tribute to the late president.

Hundreds of photographers and journalists from around the world, who had maintained a death watch, learned the news when hospital officials emerged to announce the 71-year-old Nixon had died at 9:08 p.m.

The body was transported to Nixon's adopted home state of New Jersey where tentative plans called for it to be taken to a funeral

home near Newark. It will remain there until it is flown Tuesday to Yorba Linda, California, for burial.

Gone too was the two-man Marine honour guard that had been posted outside his hospital room. Nixon had lapsed into a deep coma Thursday - three days after being felled by a massive stroke at his home in suburban Park Ridge, New Jersey, where he had been writing a speech for a Republican event.

The stroke at first left him partially paralysed on his right side and unable to speak, but doctors had been hopeful of saving him. Nixon had been treated with anticoagulants after a blood clot from the heart broke off and travelled to an artery in his brain causing the stroke.

However, brain swelling set in Wednesday and by Thursday, all hope had evaporated.

Nixon had earlier made a "living will" in which he requested no extraordinary lifesaving measures be taken and he was not put on a respirator.

Relatives at the former president's bedside included his two daughters: Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Tricia Nixon Cox.

Others who visited during his final illness included New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and the Reverend Billy Graham, who was a longtime friend and spiritual adviser.

His wife, Pat, died of cancer last June, also at the age of 81.



Richard Nixon is greeted by Russian President Boris Yeltsin in the Kremlin in June, 1992.

(AP)

A president who couldn't be labeled

ANALYSIS

WALTER R. MEARS

RICHARD Milhouse Nixon came from the right, went to his left, and defied every label but the last, the president who resigned. Until then, each time the old Nixon seemed to fit a pattern, a new Nixon emerged.

He was the free market Republican who imposed wage and price controls, the ardent foe of Communism who opened doors to Beijing and arms deals in Moscow, the pragmatic president who wanted to undo the Democrats' Great Society with a version of his own.

Twenty-three years ago, Nixon proposed a national health insurance plan, with employer mandates to help pay for it. It would have been done through private insurers, with the government setting minimum standards, for working Americans. He proposed federal insurance for the poor.

Liberal critics said it wasn't good enough, and the proposal got nowhere.

A Nixon reorganization plan created the Environmental Protection Agency; he signed the bill that set up the Consumer Product Safety Commission, saying it was "high time that the government provided for comprehensive regulation."

He sought welfare reform, with help for the working poor and requirements that recipients take jobs or job training, but couldn't get it through the Senate. "An idea ahead of its time," Nixon called it in his memoirs.

"This was a real war on poverty, but the liberals could not accept it," he wrote, especially from a conservative Republican president.

Not that conservatives saw him that way, especially when the Nixon administration be-

gan requiring that federal construction contractors take affirmative action to meet minority hiring goals. That began in 1970, the year after he took office, and Nixon said conservatives considered it heresy.

His Vietnam war policy was another matter. He was elected promising to end the war and win the peace - "I never said I had a plan, much less a secret plan," he wrote - but it took him four years to gain a tenuous settlement.

Under Nixon policy, American troops were gradually withdrawn, the last of them leaving in March, 1973, while the administration tried to negotiate peace and kept up the air war, against North Vietnam and, secretly until it leaked, in Cambodia. The anti-war protests were constant, sometimes at his White House doorstep.

But that did not deter his opening to China, Red China during two decades of enmity without contract, a policy the young Nixon embraced in Congress as an ardent conservative foe of Communists. The new China policy was an undertaking no Democratic president could have risked. "This was the week that changed the world," he said after his breakthrough visit in February, 1972; coincidentally, perhaps, just before the first primary votes of that presidential campaign year were being cast.

He'd broken another mold at home, in August, 1971, imposing economic controls he

said "left even long time wage and price control advocates breathless." In a time of inflation and economic uncertainty, he said, the move was politically necessary and popular in the short run. But he also wrote later that it was wrong for the long term.

Congress endorsed those steps, but warred with Nixon over his refusal to spend appropriated funds he didn't deem necessary. That led to legislation that prevents presidents from spending funds as Congress decides.

To rein Nixon, Congress also adopted the war powers resolution, over his veto, requiring congressional approval to keep American forces on missions abroad when they face combat or the imminent threat of it.

The Congressional Budget Office was created in 1974, as Congress sought to strengthen its hand in dealing with presidents on that front.

Two Nixon-era housing programs, for community development grants and rental assistance, have endured. Secretary of Housing Henry Cisneros calls them the two most effective programs his agency operates.

It is a mixed legacy, clouded now, like the rest of the Nixon story, by the disgrace of Watergate. Nixon said that in his later years, he had come to accept the scandal and the resignation "simply as one major defeat in a career that involved both victories and losses, both peaks and valleys."

The writer is vice president and columnist for The Associated Press. He has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Some views from the US top

"He was a very complicated man. One side of him was extremely emotional and the disciplined one was perhaps to prevent the emotional side from breaking out." - Richard Nixon's secretary of state, Henry Kissinger.

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"I think people never saw the gentle and the human and the gracious and the thoughtful side of Richard Nixon." - The Rev. Billy Graham.

Six presidents had strokes

BEING president could be bad for your neurological health, according to a University of Southern California researcher who has found that 14 percent - or six out of 42 - of US presidents have suffered from stroke either during or after their tenure, including former President Nixon.

Dr. Shri K. Mishra, a USC professor of neurology and historian for the American Academy of Neurology, had just completed a research paper on the incidence of stroke among US presidents when Nixon was stricken Monday. He combed through historical documents and books to find that:

Two presidents - Warren G. Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt - died of strokes while in office. Thomas Jefferson, who suffered from diabetes and was plagued by episodes of memory loss, is believed to have died from a stroke. Woodrow Wilson experienced two strokes; the second one killed him.

The last president to suffer a stroke was Dwight D. Eisenhower. He recovered but was left with impaired speech.

(Los Angeles Times)

Northern League backs Berlusconi for PM

ROME (Reuters) - The leader of the Northern League told Italy's president yesterday during consultations on forming a new government that media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi was the only candidate for prime minister.

Umberto Bossi told President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro that Berlusconi, key member of the right-wing "Freedom Alliance" that triumphed in last month's general elections, is the only person in parliament who would be able to win support in both houses.

He added that it was essential Berlusconi give up control of his \$7 billion-a-year business empire to avoid any conflict of interest.

"We cannot envision anyone else who would be able to attract the kind of support Berlusconi can to become prime minister and form a government," Bossi told reporters after his meeting with Scalfaro.

"But there must be no conflicts of interest."

Scalfaro began consultations on Friday, meeting first with the speakers of both houses of parliament, in an essential step toward forming Italy's first government since watershed elections on March 27-28.

The talks were scheduled to continue later yesterday when Scalfaro was to meet representatives of parliament's smaller opposition parties.

They will end on Tuesday and state television said the president could appoint a prime minister designate as soon as Tuesday evening.

Caretaker Transport Minister Raffaele Costa, who has been tipped as an interior minister in the next cabinet, said he believed a government could be ready within 10 days.

The Northern League, Berlusconi's Forza Italia (Go Italy) party and the neo-fascist National Alliance teamed up in the right-wing grouping that won an absolute majority of votes in the general elections.

Bossi had initially vetoed Berlusconi as prime minister, saying his business empire meant he would continually face conflicts of interest.

Critics have charged that Berlusconi exploited his television channels, which have a 45 percent audience share, on his march to electoral triumph, and even the mogul's allies have demanded that the conflict be resolved.

Atomic agency mission to North Korea delayed

VIENNA (Reuters) - The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said yesterday North Korea had yet to respond to terms for monitoring refuelling at a suspect nuclear plant, putting a fresh inspection mission on hold.

Two agency inspectors had been on standby to travel today to observe the removal of the reactor core at nuclear facility in Yongbyon but were unlikely to travel until next Thursday as part of a larger team, spokesman David Kyd said.

Pyongyang has not responded to agency conditions that would enable inspectors to make a full audit of North Korea's nuclear stockpile, and no visas have yet been issued to the inspectors.

The UN nuclear watchdog says it will only be able to find out whether any nuclear material is missing if it can check out the radioactive history of Yongbyon's reactor core.

Western diplomats said North Korea had put a 10-day time limit on removing agency security seals on the reactor and starting refuelling, putting the agency under pressure of time, even though replacing the core could take up to six months.

IAEA Director General Hans Blix will now have to make a quick decision on whether to go ahead with the mission within that time period, or to hold out until Pyongyang accepts his inspection terms, one diplomatic source said.

Governing party confident as Salvadorean vote today

SAN SALVADOR (AP) - Salvadorean pick a president today with the governing party confident of victory and opposition leftists claiming the voting system is slanted against them.

The contest pits Armando Calderon Sol of the rightist Nationalist Republican Alliance, or ARENA, against Ruben Zamora, representing a coalition of three leftist parties.

The two were the frontrunners in the first round of voting March 20. Calderon Sol, 45, outpolled Zamora nearly 2-1 in that vote and

is expected to win in the runoff. It is the first time since 1930 that Salvadorean have picked a civilian president in peacetime. A 12-year civil war that claimed 75,000 lives ended in 1992, with a peace treaty allowing leftist rebels to form a political party.

The United Nations mission to El Salvador and El Salvador's Supreme Electoral Tribunal say the risk of fraud today is slim. No serious charges of vote-rigging followed the first round of voting, though complaints about glitches in the system were common.

World homage to Nixon the statesman

IN death, Richard Nixon's friends overseas were unstinting in their praise and his foes were charitable. Even in Vietnam, where Nixon's name still evokes hatred, there was no gloating.

"May he rest in peace," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Ho Thi Lan said in a terse written statement.

In China, the official Xinhua News Agency recalled Nixon's groundbreaking February 1972 visit that began the rapprochement between the United States and China and hailed Nixon as "an old friend of the Chinese people."

Nixon's contact with China was a bold move for a man who made his political name as a staunch anti-Communist and contributed to his reputation as an astute foreign policy maker even as troubles piled up at home.

Hong Kong government spokeswoman Tammy Lam said, "President Nixon will be remembered as the man who reestablished relations between the United States and China in 1972. In Hong Kong,

he will be remembered as the man who ended the trade and financial embargo on China."

President Boris Yeltsin applauded Nixon for his understanding of Russia.

"I'm struck by the tragedy, struck by the fact that not just an extraordinary person has died, but also a major world politician," Yeltsin said in a statement.

Yeltsin had refused to meet with Nixon during his 10-day trip to Russia last month because the former president had met with some of Yeltsin's bitterest enemies.

India, whose relations with the United States reached an all-time low during Nixon's administration, praised the former president for taking bold steps in international affairs.

During Nixon's time, India's ties with the US fell apart, and the regional superpower allied itself with the Soviet Union. Nixon opposed India's involvement in the civil war in which East Pakistan split from West Pakistan and became Bangladesh.

"Although President's Nixon's term was marked by a certain controversy, he was well known in international affairs as having been courageous enough to take bold steps such as normalization of relations with China and steps towards East-West détente," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shiv Shankar Mukherjee told The Associated Press.

Sir Edward Heath, who was Britain's prime minister in 1970-74, praised Nixon's diplomatic skills. "He discussed policies with all those likely to be affected and took into account their views. One never felt one had been stamped on or ignored," he told BBC radio.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was ambassador to the

United States during Nixon's presidency, praised his support of Israel in the 1973 Yom Kippur War "in the face of the opposition of most of the world."

Japan's Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa expressed Japan's "deep sorrow" over Nixon's death and lauded the achievements of Nixon's policy of détente with the communist bloc.

"Now that the Cold War is over, I cannot help but feel deep emotion again about the achievement the late president made in the postwar international society," Hosokawa said in a written statement.

He also said that the Japanese people feel "deeply indebted" to Nixon for engineering the return of US-occupied Okinawa Prefecture in 1972.

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Six presidents had strokes

It could be bad for the health of Southern California's President who has a heart condition or as on the other hand, either during his term or after, including his health.

As a result, a USC professor of medicine and history, who has completed a study of the medical records of the six presidents who died of strokes, found that the risk of stroke was higher for those who had a heart condition, and that the risk was also higher for those who had a heart condition and a stroke.

Warren G. Harding, who died of a stroke in 1923, was the only president to die of a stroke while in office. The other five presidents who died of strokes were Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Gerald R. Ford.

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Feature-rich spreadsheet

MICROSOFT Hebrew Excel is the software giant's top-line spreadsheet program, which is designed to run under the Hebrew version of Windows.

The program is intended to provide a large number of features while preserving ease of use.

It also employs the Windows user interface to the utmost, providing such things as drag-and-drop editing, which allows you to move cells — the squares of the spreadsheet — around by dragging them with the mouse, and multiple configurable toolbars, a row of icons which provide shortcuts for carrying out commands.

Excel comes in the usual large Microsoft box, with six diskettes and a large collection of manuals: two in Hebrew for the main program, and some others for various auxiliary applications.

There is also a reference manual for the very large number of formulas that the program provides. The manuals are good, on the whole, with comprehensive indexes.

I have my doubts as to whether anyone will actually sit and read such gargantuan tomes, however.

Excel comes with a superb help facility, on a par with that provided with Access. It can entirely replace the manual in learning to use this complex program. There is also a good introductory tutorial.

There would not be enough room in three columns to describe all the features available in Excel. Getting to know such a program thoroughly is more or less a lifetime's work, and even after using the program for several months I still feel as though I have only scratched the surface.

For regular spreadsheet work, Excel has an extremely convenient user interface. Every cell or group of cells may be moved or copied by dragging it with the mouse. Any formula which refer-

ences this cell will change automatically to reference its new position. (This feature can be turned off if necessary.)

The Autofill feature allows you to create a series of numbers simply by providing enough data for the program to recognize the pattern. Define the range containing the sequence and drag the mouse on the corner of the box. For instance, if you provide the program with 1,2, it will automatically extend it to 1,2,3,4,5.

THE TOOLBAR facility has been extended almost ad absurdum. You can open several predefined toolbars at once, as well as remove or add icons from the toolbar. Each toolbar can be "torn off" from its usual position at the top of the screen; it then becomes a floating icon palette which remains above your spreadsheet and which may be positioned anywhere. I found that more than a couple of these toolbars made the screen very cluttered, even at very high resolutions, and that it was extremely difficult to remember what all the hundreds of icons are for.

The basic element of an Excel document is the worksheet. This is an agglomerate of cells into which you can insert text, numbers and formulas. Each cell has a reference which differentiates it from all the others. This is a number/letter combination like A4 or B17. Dragging the mouse over the cells while holding down the first mouse button defines a range of cells. A range is usually referred to as A1:B7 or whatever, but may also be given a name. Two default range names, "database" and "criteria," are used in data-processing work.

The worksheet window can be split into up to four panes, both horizontally and vertically, and each one may be edited separately.

Excel has comprehensive charting capabilities; basically a souped-up version of the stand-alone charting application provided with Word and Access.

Charts and worksheets can be combined into a "workbook." Each element of the workbook may be opened in its own window, and the charts are automatically updated as you change the data in the worksheet. A worksheet also provides a kind of index screen so you can choose which elements to open. Each chart and worksheet in a workbook may be given a long identifying name, as opposed to a file name.

Excel is an extraordinarily feature-rich program, and I have only scratched the surface. I think anyone undertaking to learn the program will find the rewards of a thorough knowledge of this titan justify the effort expended in learning it.

One final point: The Hebrew Excel is equivalent to version 4 of the US version. In the US, Microsoft has now released a version 5, which is not expected to be released here in Hebrew for a few months.

Similarly, the local version of Word is 2.0c, while the latest English-only version is version 6 — Microsoft skipped the intermediate numbers.

While Microsoft has changed the Hebrew software market beyond recognition by releasing localized versions of their flagship programs, the penalty we still pay for writing in the wrong direction is a longer development time for new versions.



Immunization of the elderly against tetanus is neglected, according to 'Harefuah.' (Debbi Cooper)

Elderly need a boost to avoid tetanus

THE elderly come last in the health authorities' priorities regarding the danger of tetanus.

A 91-year-old woman who suffered an accident at home and injured her ankle was recently diagnosed in Wolfson Hospital with tetanus.

The case, reported in *Harefuah*, ended happily, as quick identification by the Holon doctors of the cause of her stiff neck and breathing problems led to immediate treatment, and she survived.

Dr. J. Waysbort, H. Fuhrer, A. Gersh-Solomonovich and M. Adler of the hospital's internal medicine department note that the nonagenarian had never been given an antitetanus shot before, and that the booster she received in the emergency room after her injury was not enough to protect her from the often-fatal disease.

"In Israel, booster shots for tetanus are given in the army, but immunization of the elderly population is neglected," the authors say.

Any elderly person who seeks medical care for an injury should be asked whether he or she has had an antitetanus shot in the last five to seven years; if the answer is negative or unclear, the patient should be immunized and also given immunoglobulin for additional passive immunity.

Because of the danger of sensitivity to immunoglobulin in some people, the authors recommend that it be given only to old people who immigrated in recent years from countries where antitetanus shots are not given routinely.

THE EYES HAVE IT
Residents of the north, both Jews and Arabs, were last month presented with a unique gift: a mobile eye clinic that will visit outlying settlements with the aim of preventing and treating blindness.

The Project Outreach Mobile Eye Clinic is the gift of Project Vision USA, founded by US opti-

thalmologist Dr. Steve Kutner in 1991. The fully equipped Fiat van, which costs tens of thousands of dollars, can carry several eye doctors, nurses and technicians, all of them staffers of Kupat Holim Clalit.

Residents who never get to an ophthalmologist will be tested for cataracts, symptoms of glaucoma and other eye diseases. The staff hopes to see at least 1,000 patients a month.

Retired schoolteacher Eliezer Ben-Leib, 78, was among the first patients in the van. A resident of Atlit since his emigration from Kiev three years ago, the nearly blind immigrant was diagnosed as having cataracts in both eyes and glaucoma in his right eye. He will be sent to Haifa's Linn Clinic in the next few weeks for simple outpatient surgery that will restore his vision.

The ceremony, attended by Kutner and Deputy Health Minister MK Nawaf Massalha, took place at Kafr Rama in central Galilee.

One of the van's first stops was at Kibbutz Beit Oren, home to 71 Bosnian Muslim refugees.

LOVE YOUR BROCCOLI
Eat your broccoli, as your mother always told you. Johns Hopkins University medical researchers have confirmed that the green vegetable contains substances that can block or slow formation of breast tumors in rats by promoting anti-cancer enzymes.

In a study in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, the scientists said that doses of compounds that are found in broccoli and in some other vegetables provided cancer protection for a group of rats that had been exposed to powerful cancer-causing chemicals.

Dr. Paul Talalay, who helped write the study, said that sulfuraphane and some related compounds are apparently able to amplify the body's defenses against chemicals that can cause cancer.

The team exposed 145 rats to a powerful cancer-causing chemical called DMBA; 25 were used as controls and received no treatment, while the rest were fed various doses of sulfuraphane and other synthetic forms of compounds found in vegetables.

Fifty days later, 68 percent of the control rats had developed mammary tumors, compared with only 26 percent of those who were fed high doses of sulfuraphane; other related compounds were somewhat less effective.

Talay stressed that while the results are "quite dramatic," broccoli seems to work only as a cancer preventer and has no effect on existing tumors.

INDIRECT ACCESS
TO ABSCESS
An abscess was removed from the brain stem of a 38-year-old woman from a village in Galilee's Triangle recently. It was done not by major surgery, but by laparoscopy through her nose with only a local anesthetic.

The unusual surgery, performed in the ear-nose-and-throat department at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva, cured the woman, who had been suffering for two years from severe headaches. Treatment was delayed because major surgery on the base of the brain is risky.

Dr. Eitan Yaniv, who heads the department, recommended using the new technique, in which an endoscope with a tiny video camera on the end is inserted through the nostrils.

The doctors watched as the endoscope proceeded through her sinuses to the brain stem. The operation required not a single stitch, but was successful. The woman's headaches are gone.



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A computer control board the size of a credit card, inserted into a personal computer, turns the PC into a fax machine, data modem and audio communications center, and also collects voice mail.

The chip that makes this possible was developed for National Semiconductor at its planning center in Herzliya.

The Windows-compatible control board contains the amazing PC 87334VJG chip, the first to use an infrared communications protocol that allows wireless communications between the computer and the various connected parts of the system, such as the keyboard.

National Semiconductor collaborated with the PicoPower company, which specializes in producing chips with low power use. The chip works at 3.3 volts; it can also work for more than eight hours on battery power alone.

The company says the new chip will allow engineers to plan the next generation of handheld computers and "digital personal assistants."

The control board can function on a single phone line. Incoming calls are automatically switched between fax, voice mail and modem without the user having to intervene. Because it comes with its own microprocessor, it can be used while working on a different program without any loss of PC performance.

In addition to serving as an answering machine by recording voices into electronic mail boxes, the control board allows the attaching of a voice memo to a written document. Voice memos can also be sent over the phone line to another PC.

MINI WORDPROCESSOR
IS ALSO FAX AND MODEM

An Israeli-developed, handheld computer weighing only 600 grams which can be connected to any telephone for use as a fax or modem is now being marketed by Top Technologies in Tel Aviv.

The TC-4 Targumon computer, sold at NIS 1,900, can do word processing in Hebrew, English, Arabic, Russian, Spanish and Turkish. Without the modem, it costs only NIS 1,300.

In addition, special chips can be added to provide electronic dictionaries in Hebrew-English-French-Arabic, Russian-Hebrew, Russian-English, Spanish-Hebrew, Spanish-English, and other languages. The computer also has a Lotus-compatible electronic spreadsheet included, as well as cables for downloading information into a larger personal computer.

PAPAL LIBRARY
TO BE DIGITIZED

The 500-year-old Vatican library, which contains some of the world's rarest books and antique manuscripts, is being partially digitized and may eventually be put on line for access via computer modem.

The pilot project will use computer scanning technology, store the computer images and possibly pave the way for scholars to gain access to the works through on-line systems, according to IBM, which made the announcement recently.

"The excitement of this project lies in the possibility of having a volume only available at the Vatican Library made accessible electronically on scholars' workstations in a university or classroom thousands of miles away," said the prefect of the Vatican Library.

Founded in the mid-1400s by Pope Nicholas V, the library com-



The tiny control board is the size of a credit card.

prises 150,000 manuscripts, and a million books, including 8,000 books published during the first 50 years of the printing press.

Among the numerous treasures are a manuscript of Ptolemy's *Geography*, a beautifully illustrated copy of Dante's *Divine Comedy* and the four oldest surviving manuscripts of Virgil's poems. Many rare Jewish texts are also held there.

But because of limited staff and space, and potential damage caused by page turning, access to the library has been severely restricted over the years.

In the pilot project, digital images of selected volumes, manuscripts and artworks will be created. These can then be stored on CD-ROM discs in realistic colors.

COMPUTER VOICE
ANSWERS QUESTIONS

The Euronet-Kavei Zahav company has won a tender to provide round-the-clock computerized voice information about setting up businesses, exports, research and development and investments. The project, called *Teletzmitza*, has been initiated by the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Users may receive the information either orally, or by fax or mail, as they choose. Euronet-Kavei Zahav will automatically prepare a list for the ministry of all the individuals who have expressed interest in such information. The company has already established computerized voice information projects for Tnuva, Teva, Osem, the Society for the Protection of Nature, the Rishon LeZion Municipality and other bodies.

BRILLE WARNING LABELS

There are books in braille, but not warnings for the blind about dangerous substances. Now the local label-manufacturing company Tadbik has decided, in cooperation with associations for the visually handicapped, to produce not only braille labels, but expla-

atory texts too. The labels will initially appear on office equipment containing toxic substances that is commonly used by the blind.

The first braille labels are being made for the Pan-Et company, which makes ink markers for sale in Europe; there, laws already require braille labels on packages of toxic substances.

Tadbik manager Eli Lieberman says that conventional labels on toxic substances lack raised letters for warning the blind. But they can easily be printed on a transparent tape over existing warnings, so that both the sighted and the blind can read them.

Tadbik, with 138 employees, is the largest producer and exporter of labels in Israel, with sales of NIS 40 million a year.

PLUGGED-IN VIDEO TIME

Nearly everyone has a video. But few people know how to follow a series of button-pushing instructions on how to set the digital clock — and so they have 12:00 continually flashing on their video clock.

Now the Sony Corporation and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in the US are offering some relief. American viewers will automatically get the correct time on their video clock, even without setting it.

This month, public TV stations there will begin broadcasting time signals as part of their regular programming. Two new video models made by Sony can monitor the signals whenever they are plugged in or turned off and automatically set their clocks.

Viewers won't even have to switch to a public TV station; it will be programmed automatically, even if they are watching something else. It will also be a boon to those who forget to change their video clock when summer or winter time begins. Sony says it isn't keeping the technology to itself; it is available to all other VCR makers, as well as broadcasters.

Computers help students put English in context

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

AN Education Ministry plan to install at least two personal computers in each classroom — one for the teacher and the other for the use of pupils — will give a boost to educational software.

Ministry director-general Dr. Shimon Shoshani said at a recent computer conference in Tel Aviv that the government has allocated "hundreds of millions of shekels" for computerization of education, and it would be an "unfortunate missed opportunity" if plans are not implemented during the next few years.

One software company, encouraged by the ministry's impetus in computerization of the schools, is Linguatich, which has developed programs for teaching English as a foreign language on the high-school level.

Established in Rehovot and now relocated to Jerusalem's Baka neighborhood (POB 10577, Jerusalem, Tel. 02-734056), Linguatich was established a few years ago by Laurin Lewis.

The software's language-teaching method is intensive, individually paced, interactive and based on the works of Dr. L.A. Hill, a 76-year-old Briton who is probably the world's best-known writer of books for English learners.

Hill has produced 150 volumes, many of them published by the Oxford University Press.

Lewis, who immigrated from California in 1984, turned Hill's books into booklets and diskettes. They come complete with 250 illustrations that help the user select correct words to fill into the blanks of the text.

The original English program *Words in Context* has now been adapted to teach English to Arabic- and Russian-speaking pupils. French and Spanish versions are on the way.

Lewis says he'd be happy to translate the program into Amharic for Ethiopian immigrants but would need a subsidy to carry it out, as the market is too small.

The software has been approved by the Education Ministry's Center for Educational Technology in Holon and is now being used in scores of high schools around the country.

The Hebrew University has also purchased it for its language laboratory, where it is used in the pre-academic program.

When used in schools (in this case, it comes without phonetic pronunciation), the software costs NIS 45 to NIS 59 per copy, depending on how many pupils will use it; when bought for home use, it sells for NIS 69.

Because the original text is British, Lewis had to adapt the culture and language to suit Israelis.

Lewis notes that English words, especially the difficult, abstract terms encountered on a high-school or college level, are best remembered if they are learned in a meaningful context.

Memorizing English-Hebrew dictionaries is common among some college applicants, but not very successful as long-term assistance in learning the language and coping with college texts.

Anyone who goes through the program in one of its language versions is introduced to 3,500 English words.

At the end of each session, a record of the user's work is saved on an individual data diskette, where it can be retrieved later by the teacher.

The user can also interrupt his lesson and save his word for continuing later where he left off.

Teachers can produce and print quizzes using Linguatich's Wordbag program without having technical knowledge of computers.



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Dismantling settlements

INCOMPREHENSIBLY, the opposition pounced with great glee on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's announcement that he would be willing "to dismantle settlements for peace." It may be the first time that Rabin spelled out this readiness so bluntly, but the announcement is hardly a departure from what he and senior members of his cabinet have been saying ever since the Labor-Meretz coalition came to power.

The concept of "land for peace" is a fundamental component of the Labor platform, and it would be impossible to imagine the relinquishment of meaningful parts of the land, particularly in the Golan, without abandoning some settlements. Nor is it thinkable that the residents of these settlements would want to stay in their homes and live under a dictatorial Arab regime, even in the unlikely event that Syria would permit it.

Rabin is also justified in noting the precedent for swapping land for peace and dismantling settlements was set by the Likud government under Menachem Begin. And while it is true that Judea, Samaria, Gaza, and the Golan are more generally perceived as part of the Land of Israel than the Sinai Desert, the distinction is lost on people craving peace.

Clearly, Rabin and his ministers believe that if they can convince the nation that peace with the Palestinian Arabs and the Syrians is possible, they can also sell the idea that the price - withdrawal (with minor adjustments) from Gaza, Judea, Samaria, the Golan, and

South Lebanon, and the evacuation of virtually all the towns and villages in these areas - is not exorbitant.

The first salvo in this campaign were fired even before the 1992 Knesset elections. Rabin then differentiated between "political" settlements, which he felt were dispensable, and "security" settlements, which were not. The dropping of the differentiation between the two kinds - an irrational division to begin with - was just a matter of time.

There are, of course, many who consider any abandonment of settlements a heresy, a betrayal of Zionist principles, and the beginning of the end of the Zionist enterprise. But it is doubtful that such apocalyptic views are shared by the majority. Most Israelis are probably willing to trade even the forced transfer of 130,000 residents from the territories in exchange for peace and prosperity. Provided, that is, they are sure such a trade would actually work.

That is why those who do not believe the relinquishment of land and settlements can bring peace must persuade the nation something other than Labor is reneging on campaign promises. Such betrayals of party platforms are so common that they are almost taken for granted. The nation must be persuaded that the government's hopes for peace within the 1949 boundaries are unfounded, and that a withdrawal to these lines is far more likely to lead to war than to a peaceful and prosperous "new Middle East."

Terrorism after withdrawal

PERHAPS the most disturbing aspect of the stabbing of Sigal Sofer in Gush Katif and shooting of a soldier in Nablus yesterday and the fatal stabbing of 2nd Lt. Shahr Simani on Thursday is that such incidents have become so commonplace they no longer shock. It is now taken for granted even by the most optimistic advocates of the agreement with the PLO that terrorist acts will not cease after the consummation of the "Gaza and Jericho first" phase of the agreement.

Nor can anyone say that Israel has not been warned. Repeatedly, the military arms of the Islamic groups and of PLO factions, including Fatah, warn that the armed struggle will continue as long as there is an Israeli presence in the "occupied territories." What the PLO will try to prove once the army withdraws from Gaza and Jericho is that law and order will reign in areas under Palestinian control. The rest of the territories and Green Line Israel are - they say - Israel's responsibility. Essentially, the purpose of the Fatah-Hamas agreement, concluded in Gaza and most likely soon to be in effect in Judea and Samaria, is to prepare for this new situation.

The PLO is counting on Israel to accept this partitioning of the country into terrorism-free self-rule areas and free-fire zones. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin himself has said that the real test of Fatah's ability to control violence

can only come when it is in charge in Gaza and Jericho, and has a large police force with which to enforce its will. But the police force will only function in areas where Israeli targets will anyway no longer be available, not in the rest of the country. In rationalizing continued terrorist activities in Judea, Samaria, and Green Line Israel, Fatah leaders will be able to cite Rabin.

But such rationalization is nothing short of farcical. The Fatah Hawks in Nablus and Jenin cannot operate without the financial, logistic, and ideological support of their leaders in Gaza; nor can Izzadin Kassam units of Hamas in Judea and Samaria function without instructions from the organization's leadership in areas which will be under Yasser Arafat's control.

Will the government accept the fiction that units outside Fatah jurisdiction are truly "independent" and cannot be controlled by the self-rule authorities and the Palestinian police? Jerusalem's willingness to accept similar stories - that the PLO in Tunis has no control over local Fatah Hawks, for example - does not bode well. Nor does the government's thunderous silence in response to the announcement of a Fatah-Hamas pact over the weekend. Only a week ago, Rabin warned that such a pact would render the Oslo agreement null and void.



The bear is back again

BACK in the bad old days, the American media had only negative things to say about the Soviet Union. Not that there was really much information offered, but whatever it was, it was all negative. In TV reports, even the skies over Moscow were always gray.

Now, of course, things have changed. Americans get a far greater quantity and variety of information concerning Russia. But considering how many US news bureaus are stationed there, it is still amazing to see what is missed. For example, no note has been made - at least in any of the mainstream media - of what I think is a truly significant event.

On March 4, the influential *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* (Independent Newspaper) published the results of a monthly poll, conducted by the highly regarded Moscow-based Vox Populi Public Opinion Research Institute. The poll, "Russia's 100 Leading Politicians," is considered by both the establishment and the public to be an accurate reflection of a politician's rating. The latest results were a shocker.

For the first time in more than a year, President Boris Yeltsin slipped from first place to second. Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin took over the top spot. Acting quickly to heal whatever wound this news might have dealt to Yeltsin's ego, Chernomyrdin chastised the media for "sensationalizing meaningless political ratings" - something he hardly would have done had he indeed considered those ratings meaningless.

But there was more. Vitaly Churkin, deputy minister of foreign affairs, a key player in putting the Bosnian Serbs in sync with the NATO-energized peace process, saw his standings in the poll catapulted from a tie for 99th place, in January, to a tie for 18th.

Third place went to Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, a name unfamiliar to most Russia-watchers

VLADIMIR POZNER

(but then, it took most of them a long time to pay any attention to Vladimir Zhirnovsky).

Meanwhile, America's darling, reformist Yegor Gaidar, slipped from third place to ninth. Chernomyrdin, Churkin and

Russia offered the West a window of opportunity. The West slammed it shut

Luzhkov have all demonstrated that, first, they firmly believe in Russia's inherent greatness and will stand up for its interests both in the "near abroad" (the former republics) and elsewhere; and, second, that they have faith in Russia's ability to solve its problems. Most important, this trioka has never hidden its distaste for Western recipes, economic or political.

IN A country not accustomed to polling, not involved in the game-playing that becomes inevitable when polling becomes at least as much of a political instrument as a method of gauging attitudes, the results of a monthly poll that has been consistent for more than a year and suddenly undergoes dramatic change should be taken seriously.

Between the end of the Gorbachev years and the summer of 1993, Russia offered the West a unique window of opportunity.

The country was at a crossroads. Disenchanted and disillusioned with their past, the people were prepared to accept a radically different future. A George Marshall would have been quick to capitalize

on this. He would have mapped out a strategic plan to channel funds and investments to pressure points in Russia. This time, America would not have to go it alone, as after World War II in Europe, but could work with its European and Japanese allies. The results would have been spectacular.

Alas, there was no George Marshall. In fact, there never existed any coherent policy, let alone grand strategy, toward post-Soviet Russia. Instead, there persists the pernicious and arrogant view that America won - and Russia lost - the Cold War, and therefore Russia should be treated as a defeated foe. A foe that must please America if it expects to be rewarded.

In Russia, a country that was not defeated and whose people never considered themselves vanquished, this policy has fed anti-American sentiment, set people against reformists seen as being pro-Western and slammed shut that window of opportunity.

It has brought to the forefront politicians who stand for a strong, proud Russia that marches to its own drummer.

They are neither Zhirnovsky-like ultranationalists nor Communist Party ideologues. They are conservative pragmatists who will pursue Russia's interests, and they are here to stay.

Not long ago, I attended a news conference in Washington. Addressing the audience on the issue of Russian-US relations, one of the most knowledgeable journalists in that area, Martin Walker of the *Manchester Guardian*, said: "The time when Russia agreed to play pet poodle to George Bush and Bill Clinton is gone for good." He didn't say the bear was back, but I think the poll no one here has paid attention to says just that.

The writer, a journalist in the former Soviet Union, co-hosts talks shows that appear in the US and in Moscow. (Los Angeles Times)

Miscast media

AARON LERNER

I have long had the impression that the Israel Broadcasting Authority has made every effort to support the Rabin government.

Rarely do reporters ask members of the Labor government tough questions - and when they do, and get an evasive reply, it is rarely challenged.

IBA coverage of the Knesset's opening summer session showed Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin laughing at Benjamin Netanyahu's remarks, rather than the Labor leaders' stony-faced looks of horror when the Likud leader reviewed, item by item, how Arafat has failed to honor the written commitments he has made.

Their faces looked quite similar to those captured in the now famous photographs taken of defense minister Moshe Dayan and the senior IDF command as they sat, slumped over in their chairs in shock, at the start of the Yom Kippur War.

In sharp contrast, opposition leaders face not only tough scrutiny but a condescending attitude from IBA reporters.

On several occasions, reporters have gone so far as to ask opposition leaders, "Do you really be-

The IBA thinks it's the government's mouthpiece

lieve what you are saying?" Recently, one IBA reporter was so out of line that the Likud MK told her point blank: "I didn't know your job was to be spokesman for the government."

All of this is quite apart from the knowing winks, sneers and intonation of reporters, designed to clue in the audience as to what those reporters think of the people they are interviewing.

A defender of the IBA might argue that these observations are all subjective. The laughing Rabin and Peres looked like fools. The sneer at Netanyahu was a friendly smile, the reporter was only rolling his eyes as a sign of approval of Benny Begin's comments, and so on.

While this charge is difficult to refute, one issue lends itself to quantitative analysis. It is possible to measure how much air time the coalition and opposition respectively have been given by the IBA. Recently the independent news-clipping bureau, IFAT Media Information Center Ltd., did just that.

IFAT compared respective broadcast time over the period March 7 to April 23. They found that the coalition enjoyed 2,174 seconds, in contrast to only 706 seconds for the opposition on the television *Mabat* news program. Coalition time on the afternoon *A New Evening* magazine totaled 3,261 seconds, as compared to 1,914 for the opposition.

Someone might argue that, by definition, it is the government which runs things and therefore deserves greater exposure. To test this theory, IFAT checked the *A New Evening* numbers for 1992. IAF found that when the Likud was in power, the coalition and opposition had almost equal exposure (Likud Coalition 1,992 seconds, against 1,939 seconds for the Labor-led opposition).

Apart from air time, there is also the question of how many opposition versus coalition representatives actually get onto the air.

On the Sunday after the Hebron massacre, 13 people were interviewed on the popular radio program *It's All Talk*. Only three were associated with the opposition. Of the three, two, (MK Limor Livnat and former MK Haim Druckman) made it onto the air only after repeatedly demanding that they be allowed to speak.

By acting as an adjunct to the Government Press Office, the IBA has failed to fulfill the vital role of the media in a democratic society.

The writer is an Ru'anana-based freelancer.

POSTSCRIPTS

WE'VE FOUND the perfect (and reasonably priced) gift for the typical Israeli shvitzer: a cellular phone that costs only NIS 29. The catch is that it doesn't work; it only looks like a telephone.

A recent telemarketing catalog includes an ad for the toy, which illegally uses the commercial name of Motorola's cellular phone: "A telephone for only NIS 29." It boasts that the electronic device produces a "human voice" at the press of any button, and that it rings, has a blinking light and a dialing sound like a real telephone.

"It's a copy of the real thing and will make all your acquaintances think you own a telephone," the ad crows. A real wrong number? Judy Siegel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PREACHER JESSE

Sir, - Preacher Jesse Jackson's greatest imposture is his pretense to defend the rights and interests of Black people.

A Post editorial pointed to the narcotics smuggled from Syria that find their way to young Black Americans. Let us consider another example, one that also has implications for Israel. The Black people of Southern Sudan have been in revolt against the Arab-Islamic governments of Sudan since 1955 when the British colonial power announced their plan to grant the country independence under Arab rule. Mass murder has been one of the government's tactics in this long war. As of 1972, one and a half million Blacks had died in the war (New Columbia

Encyclopedia, 1975). The killing, direct and indirect (through starvation), still goes on. One day in Sudan is worse than a month in Bosnia.

Yet Preacher Jesse has never deigned to protest this injustice against Black people, to march, to hold a vigil, or even to send a letter on the issue, as far as the public knows. Instead he comes to Judea to celebrate with the PLO and Hamas whose leaders cooperate closely with the butcher regime of Sudan. Perhaps Jackson will yet repent of his cavalier neglect of his fellow Blacks. But it does not seem likely.

E.A. GREEN

Jerusalem.

THE SIRKIN FAMILY

Sir, - I refer to the picture of the Sirkin family, father, mother and son, which you published on April 6 and the caption of which depicted these immigrants as sleeping in a car after having been evicted from the Marina Hotel in Tel Aviv and even wanting to return to Ukraine.

This family immigrated to Israel in November 1990 and were lodged in the Marina Hotel in mid-February 1991. In the framework of the Absorption Ministry's efforts to vacate hotels and in view of the fact that this family is not considered as weak and therefore not entitled to public housing, they were informed on February 13 of this year that they had to look for a rental flat on the private market (of course with government aid) or buy a flat with the help of a mortgage, as many other immigrants have done.

However, since alternative housing solutions were not found for all the remaining residents of the Marina Hotel prior to the target date for its evacuation and

since the policy of the Ministry of Absorption requires that no one have to leave his lodgings without having an alternative solution, the Marina Hotel was not evacuated on the planned date. However, the Sirkin family chose to leave the hotel before the arrangement was reached with the hotel to prolong its occupancy temporarily.

As soon as we learned that the Sirkin family had remained without a roof over its head, our employees located them to offer them an immediate solution to their housing problem. We even explained to them that because their son is a school pupil and even though they are not entitled to residence in a hotel, they were being given the possibility of free residence at another hotel in Tel Aviv until the end of the school year. Up to this writing, the family have refused this solution.

AMNON BEERI,

Assistant to the Spokeswoman,
Ministry of Absorption
Jerusalem.

MIA'S

Sir, - On April 4, ITV Channel 1 presented *Popolitika*. A guest on this program was MK Ephraim Sneh, who participated in a discussion on MIA's.

Mr. Sneh centered his comments on Ron Arad only, mentioning him three times in the course of the program. I would like to remind Mr. Sneh that there are three more MIA's, missing since the Lebanon war - in the battle at Sultan Yacoub. They are Zecharia Baumel, Yehuda Katz and Zvi Feldman.

Ron Arad has his place in the hearts and minds of us all, not only of Mr. Sneh. But we cannot forget that, for every MIA, there is a name, parents and family who still miss them and we must remember each and every one.

RIVKA EDEN

Tel Aviv.

WHY NOT HEBREW?

Sir, - I refer to the Fifth International Conference of Jewish Media, which was recently held in Jerusalem.

I cannot understand why the chosen language for it was English. I know that everything with the "international" label is conducted in English. But many of the journalists gathered in Jerusalem, our Eternal Capital, spoke other languages and had to listen to a translation, the same as if the conference had been held in Hebrew. For the Jewish visitor to Israel it would have been thrilling to have had the conference in Hebrew. I believe it would have been appropriate for every Israeli to express himself in Hebrew. That might also have encouraged many foreign Jewish journalists to learn that language.

RUTH A. PERCOWICZ

Buenos Aires.

The fig-leaf of democracy

WHEN Russian officials visit Israel, they like to express their love of Jews and their admiration for Jewish culture and history. But their actions back home belie these noble sentiments.

For example, at the end of 1993, a "scholarly" volume entitled *Politology* was put out by the Moscow Commercial University. This serious publication included a lengthy article on Zionism, described as bourgeois nationalism and racism, which said that "Zionism, like any nationalism, doesn't solve the national problem, but sharpens it."

This theory was put into practice on the eve of Passah this year. The following was posted on the streets of St. Petersburg: "The BRK company seeks healthy young men aged 20 to 35 for special training in crushing Jews and rich businessmen. Candidates must produce a certificate of health and be at least 170 cm tall. Applications can be submitted to the V.I. Lenin Komsomol Cultural Center from 18:00 to 20:00."

First, the applicants will be trained. Then they will enjoy a profitable, if temporary, job: crushing Jews and rich businessmen.

On April 8, "An open letter to the President of the Russian Federation B. Yeltsin" was published in Moscow's *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* (Independent Newspaper).

The author, Gleb Yakunin, a deputy of the State Duma and a priest, complains that on March 22, the newspaper *Soviet Russia* devoted its "Orthodox Russ" supplement to preaching antisemitism and national discord. This was done with the blessing of the metropolitan of St. Petersburg, Johann, the highest spiritual leader of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The metropolitan himself contributed an article to the supple-

ment entitled "Creators of cataclysm." Of course it is about us, the Jews. The article is full of fabrications about Judaism, giving dogmatic grounds for antisemitism and calling for antisemitic aggression.

The metropolitan asserts that "the spiritual source of the two

In Russia, a company 'seeks men aged 20-35 for training in crushing Jews and rich businessmen'

sides is diametrically opposed and irreconcilable," that "Judaism has no positive religious content" and "militant anti-Christianity" became the basis of Judaism.

IN HIS open letter, Gleb Yakunin concludes that "the Metropolitan Johann has introduced into civil society a forced division based on religion." This is in violation of Article 74 of the Criminal Code which prohibits "stimulation of national and religious hostility and discord."

It must be said that the metropolitan's deep theoretical discoveries were not made in vain. Johann's call was heard by his faithful followers. On April 4 in St. Petersburg, 160 graves were desecrated in the Jewish cemetery. On some of them, the monuments were smashed to pieces.

The vice president of B'nai B'rith in St. Petersburg, Ya'acov Zuckerman, said: "I am not sur-

prised by what happened. Unfortunately, some of my countrymen have turned out to be antisemites. At least the fact that antisemitic literature is freely sold at the Nevskii Boulevard doesn't come as a surprise any more."

St. Petersburg is becoming the center of the fascist movement in Russia. This alarms all honest people. It alarms progressives in Russia and in many civilized countries.

But officialdom maintains a stony silence. So does Yeltsin - just like Mikhail Gorbachev when he was in office.

Naturally, democracy is democracy. Is it worth paying attention to all sorts of Jewish problems, when there are more pressing concerns? Maybe Yeltsin and his circle were impressed by the success of Saddam Hussein's old friend Vladimir Zhirnovsky, who was able to garner a considerable number of votes in the recent elections to the State Duma. Or can Yeltsin's silence be explained by the sudden zigzags of Russian diplomacy?

While Yeltsin keeps silent, the foreign minister, Kozirev, acts. Syria intends to buy Russian rockets and the latest battle planes. How can you refuse an old friend? Especially when that friend is promising \$500 million in cash?

Today Prime Minister Rabin is scheduled to begin a visit to Moscow. One hopes he will find an opportunity to remind Yeltsin about all the manifestations of antisemitism that exist in theory and in practice. One hopes Rabin will remind him that it's high time he took a stand on the issue, and stopped hiding behind the fig-leaf of democracy.

Because silence is not always golden. Especially when it is stony silence.

The writer, originally from Kiev, is a correspondent for the Jewish newspaper *Revival* there.

Alan Dershowitz

Black Rage Defense is Racist

It was only a matter of time before the "abuse excuse" — the defense which produced a temporary insanity acquittal for Lorena Bobbitt and a hung jury for the Menendez Brothers — was taken to its illogical conclusion and extended to cover the entire race of "abused" people. Radical lawyer William Kunstler recently announced that he would defend

fended a black man named Larry Davis, who had participated in a shootout with several policemen during an arrest and was charged with attempted murder. Kunstler claimed that Davis was acting in self defense. Some blacks rallied to Davis' defense, seeing him as an "avenging angel" and a "folk hero." Kunstler played this race card and persuaded a largely minority jury that Davis was protecting himself from a police conspiracy to kill him. Kunstler is preparing to play the race card once again by raising the "black rage" defense before what he hopes will be a racially sympathetic jury.

It is unlikely that this racial gambit will succeed regardless of the composition of the jurors, since the "black rage" variation on the "abuse excuse" defense is an insult to millions of law-abiding black Americans. The vast majority of African-Americans who never break the law have not used the mistreatment they have suffered as an excuse to mistreat others. Crime is not a function of group characteristics: It is an individual phe-

tion in black neighborhoods. This is especially troubling since Kunstler points to centuries of past abuse as the precipitator of crime, and nothing can be done to change history. The "black rage" argument that Kunstler plans to use is a dangerous invitation to the kind of stereotyping that has long characterized such groups as the Klu Klux Klan and the Nation of Islam. It has no place in the courtrooms of America.

In addition to being a racist defense, it is also without any basis in fact. There is no evidence to support the notion that groups which have been victimized by injustice turn to rage and violence. That has not been true of Holocaust survivors, of Cambodian refugees, of Soviet dissidents or of a majority of Black Americans. According to Kunstler's "social science," what explains the absence of criminality among so many who have been subjected to so much injustice? The search for the particular causes of Colin Ferguson's rage must begin by looking at him, at his own life experiences as a person, and at his prior history. But even if this search were to produce an explanation for Ferguson's murderous actions, no explanation — regardless of how convincing — necessarily requires exculpation. "To understand is not to forgive," says an old and wise proverb. The "black rage" defense neither explains nor excuses the cold-blooded murder of six innocent train commuters. A history of racial victimization is not a license to kill at random.

It is precisely this kind of abuse of legitimate defenses which is leading to a backlash. Last week, the Supreme Court let stand a ruling permitting the states to abolish the insanity defense, as three have now done. Insanity and other traditional defenses serve an important function in our system of law enforcement, by distinguishing between culpable or non-culpable harm doers. When these defenses are abused, as they recently have been by the expansion of the "abuse excuse" to include political defenses, the pendulum will swing in the opposite direction. Neither extreme will serve the interests of justice.

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Notes

While we're on the subject:

Howard's End, Cont'd: Officials at Howard University have canceled a lecture by David Brion Davis, the Yale historian, on the subject of slavery. According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, they are concerned that Davis's views might conflict with those of the Nation of Islam, whose eloquent spokesman, Khalid Abdul Muhammed, gave a packed-house speech at Howard earlier this year. Davis is also Jewish. The university's explanation for the cancellation? "We respect [Davis's] work," Associate Dean Paul Logan told the *Chronicle*. But right now, the university "could not predict what this group of students [the school's sizable Nation of Islam following] would do."

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— The Wall Street Journal, March 14, page A16

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a black client accused of murdering six passengers on a Long Island train on the ground that he was insane as the result of "black rage."

Kunstler said that Colin Ferguson's shooting spree was caused by the anger that many black Americans feel as the result of centuries of unjust treatment. "If you treat people as second-class citizens, they're going to snap," declared Kunstler's law partner. Though lawyers conceded that racial injustice alone might not justify an acquittal, they claimed that it was the "catalyst" which pushed Mr. Ferguson over the edge into insanity.

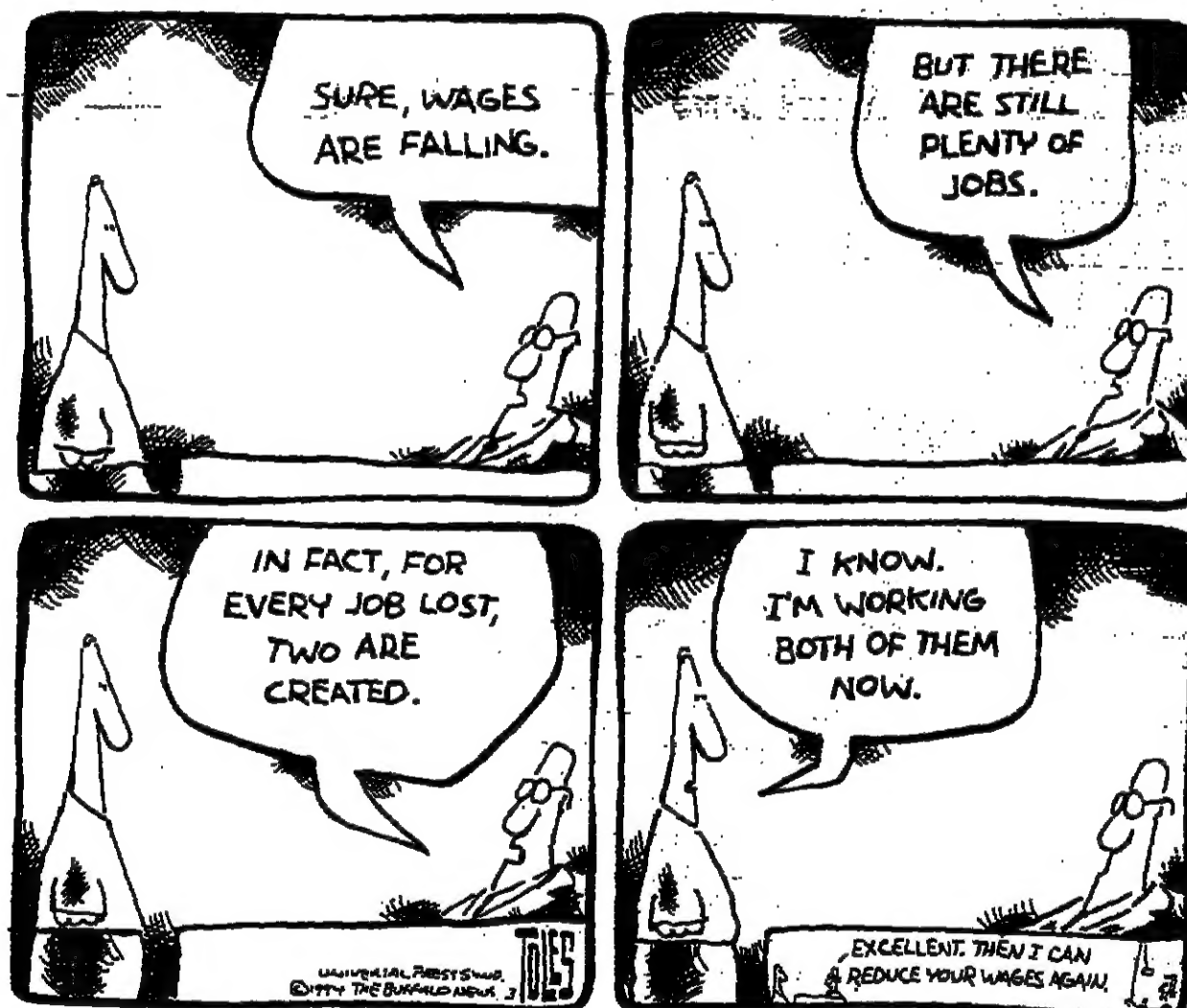
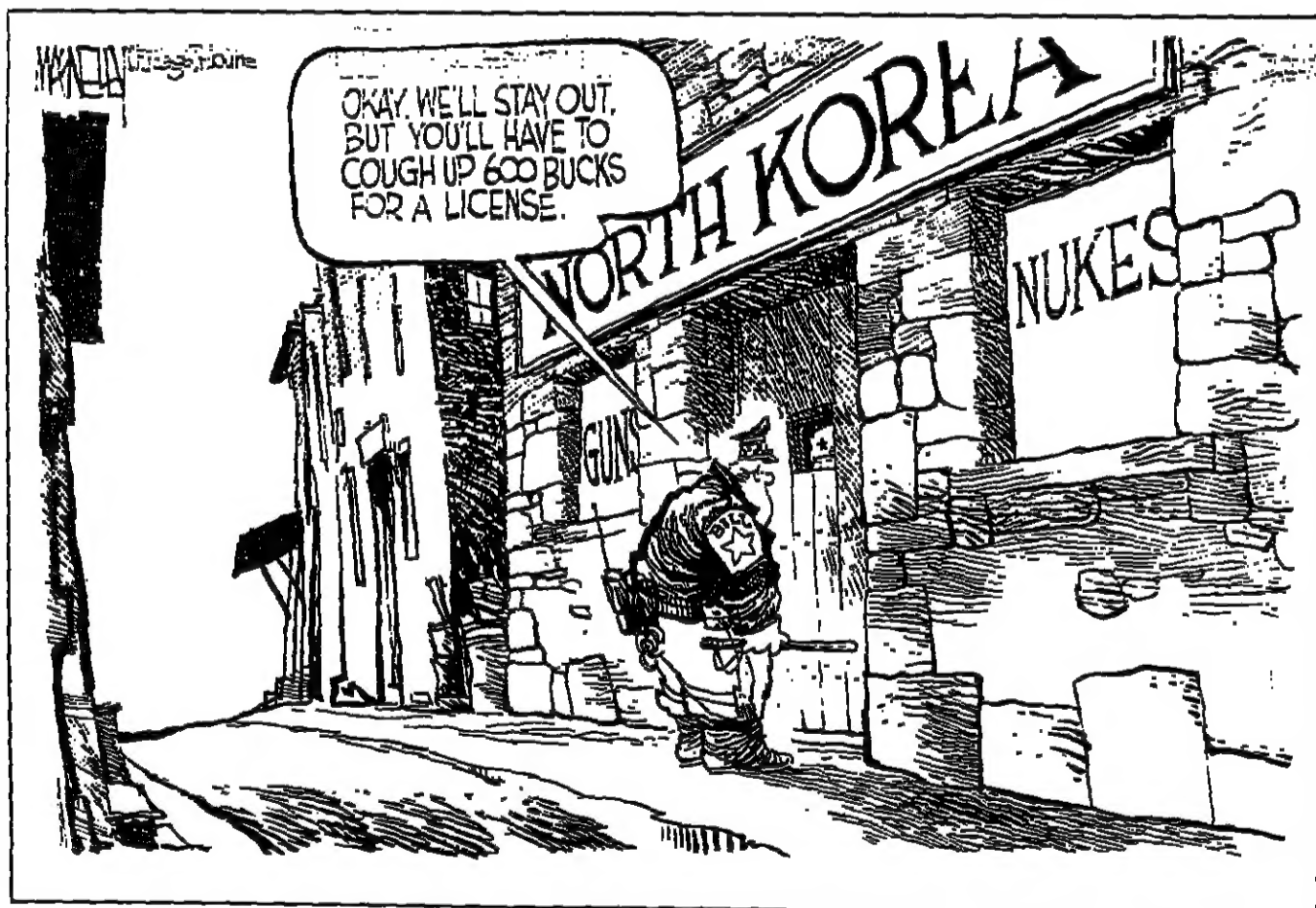
Kunstler has used racial defenses previously. Several years ago, he de-

nomenon that must be treated on an individual basis.

Indeed, it is the essence of racism to make the kind of group "rage" and group "abuse excuse" arguments that Kunstler is now raising. It will reaffirm racist fears among too many Americans that violent crime is a "black problem." If black rage produces violent crime, or even if it is a "catalyst" for it, then racists will be quick to justify their fear of blacks as a group.

Moreover, if blacks as a group have more "rage" than others, and are thus more inclined toward violence, some racists will argue for longer sentences for black recidivists, earlier and harsher police intrusion against black suspects and other forms of "preventive" interven-

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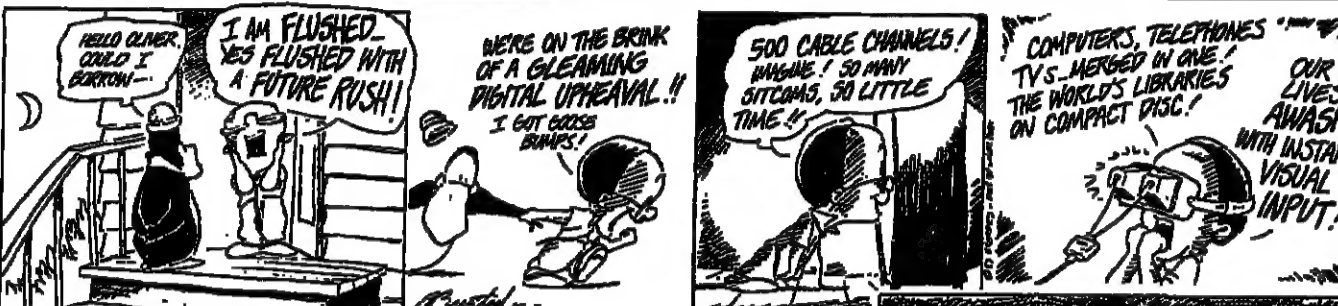
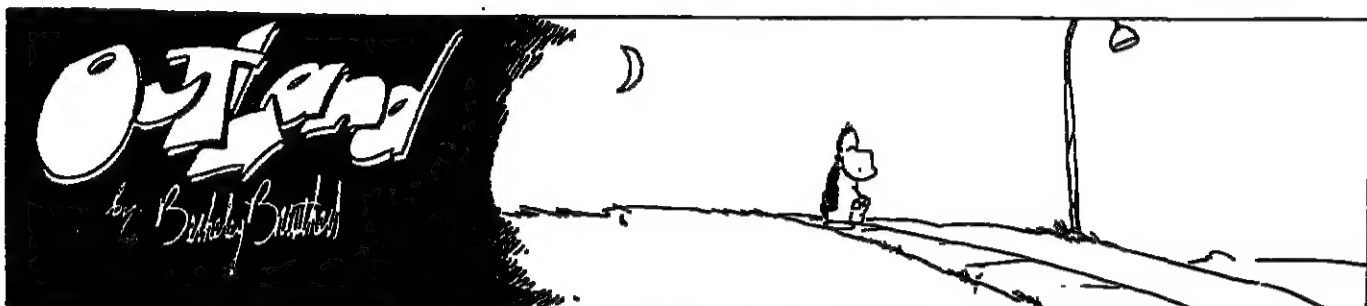
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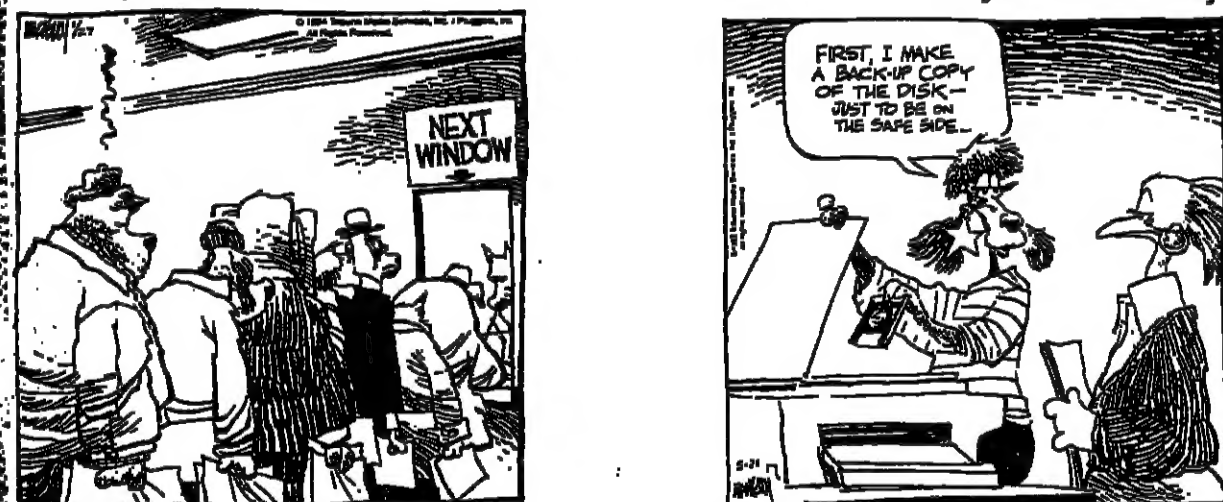
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My Dog Is Smarter Than Your Dog

Most people who have a dog think their breed is best and smartest. That's the way it ought to be. Humans should give back a little of the loyalty that dogs give them so freely.

A college professor named Stanley Coren has a book coming out soon called "The Intelligence of Dogs." In it, Professor Coren ranks 132 breeds for what he calls "their obedience IQ." Even though the title says "intelligence," a dog's willingness to be trained doesn't really indicate intelligence.

Professor Coren says the border collie is the smartest dog presumably because it's easy to train to round up sheep. From what I've seen of border collies, they're not only dumb, they may be part crazy. We had a friend with a border collie and the damn dog kept circling the swimming pool in their back yard, trying to round up the water, I guess. This dog was frenetic. Unless I had 100 sheep to herd, I wouldn't want one.

The next four smartest dogs, according to Mr. Coren, are the poodle, German shepherd, golden retriever and Doberman pinscher. I have some observations about these dogs:

Poodles seem to be nice, smart dogs. My objection to poodles is their owners. They fuss over their dogs more than most people and the haircuts they give some of them make the dogs look silly. If they cut their children's hair the way they cut their dogs', the kids would be sent home from school.

When I was a kid going to the movies on Saturday afternoons, I loved it when there was a Rin Tin Tin movie. We didn't call Rin Tin Tin a "German Tin Tin movie." He was known to us as a "police dog," shepherd. He was known to us as a "police dog."

My favorite impression of police dogs, gained from watching Rin Tin Tin movies, was sharply diminished after the people across the street got a police dog of their own. He was no Rin Tin Tin, being half as smart and twice as mean. After they

got him, I stopped going over to see if the kids could come out and play because I was afraid the dog might be loose. At the lake, our neighbors had an Airedale named Bim I didn't like. If we swam off the dock for an hour, he barked for an hour.

My second favorite dog in the world (I'm saving my favorite) is the golden retriever. I've known two and I've stopped and shaken hands with hundreds of them walking the streets with their owners. They are invariably smart, sweet and charming. They like me and I like anyone who likes me, even dogs. Their temperament isn't much different than the Labrador's, another great dog.

I've never known a Doberman pinscher. They look mean and they have that reputation but I can't say, I don't think I've ever patted a Doberman on the head. If there are Doberman pinschers, you'd think there might be some kind of pinschers other than Dobermans. I don't know who Doberman was.

Now the bad part of this list. Mr. Coren says the dumbest dog is the Afghan hound and the next dumbest is the basenji. I have no quarrel with his appraisal her because I've never known one of either breed. My outrage is reserved for Mr. Coren's selection of the third dumbest, the bulldog — also known as the English bulldog.

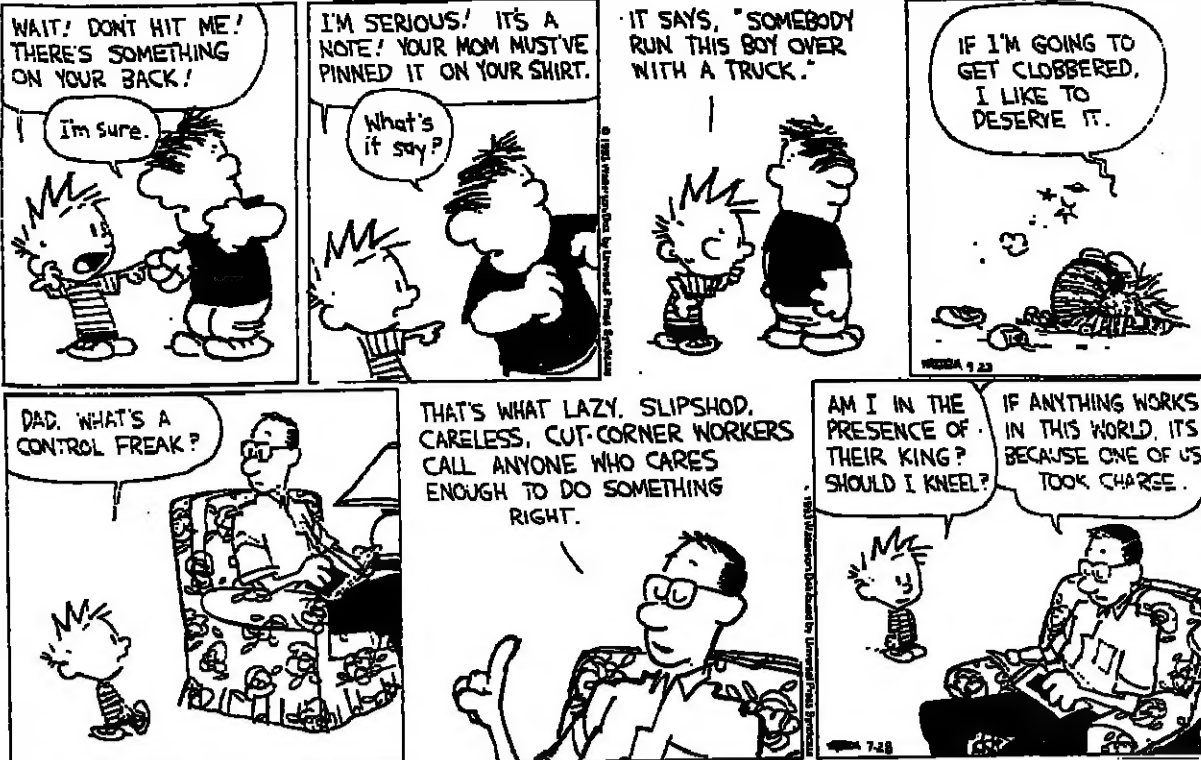
We're an English bulldog family. I grew up with Spike, our kids grew up with Gifford, and now granddaughter Alexis is growing up with Spencer, a great white bulldog with brown ears and a heart of gold. We often dog-sit for Spencer and I don't mind telling you, he doesn't take kindly to being "trained."

I resent the suggestion that because he's not obedient, he's dumb. It's been my observation that the human beings who are easiest to train are usually the dumbest. Maybe that goes for dogs too, Professor Coren!

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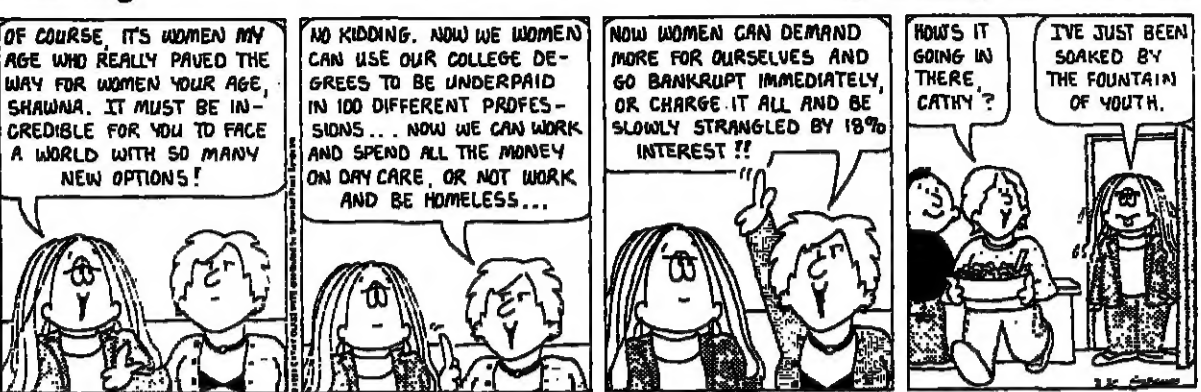
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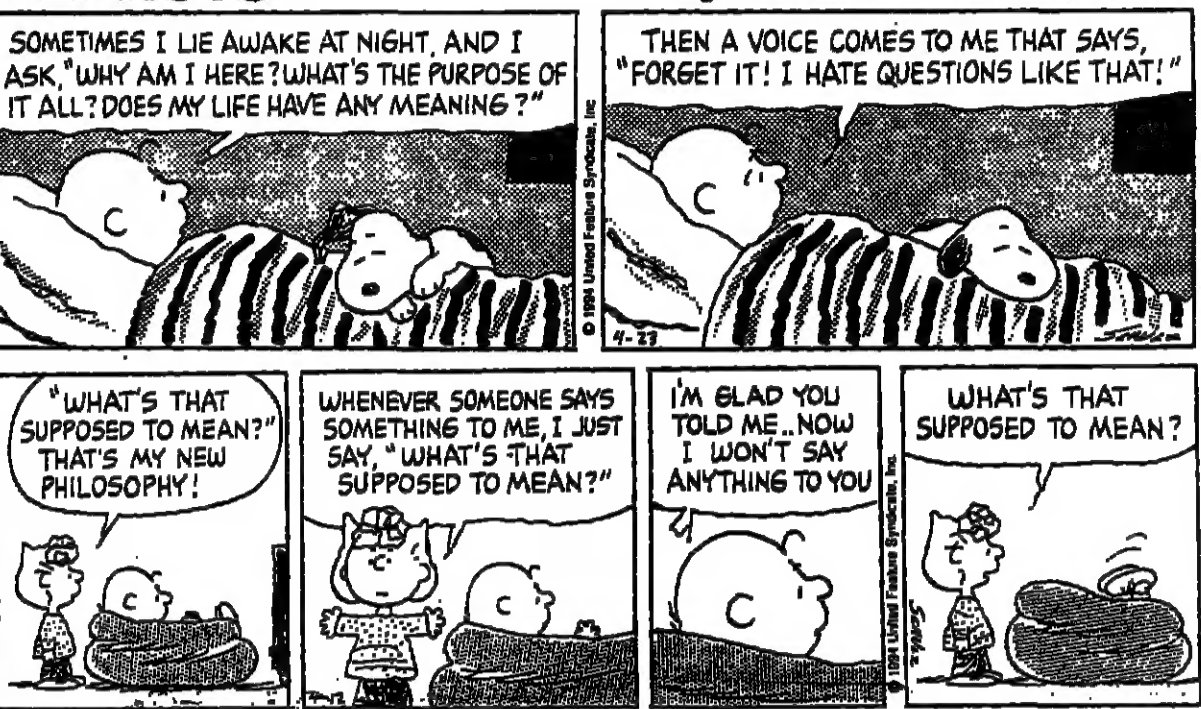
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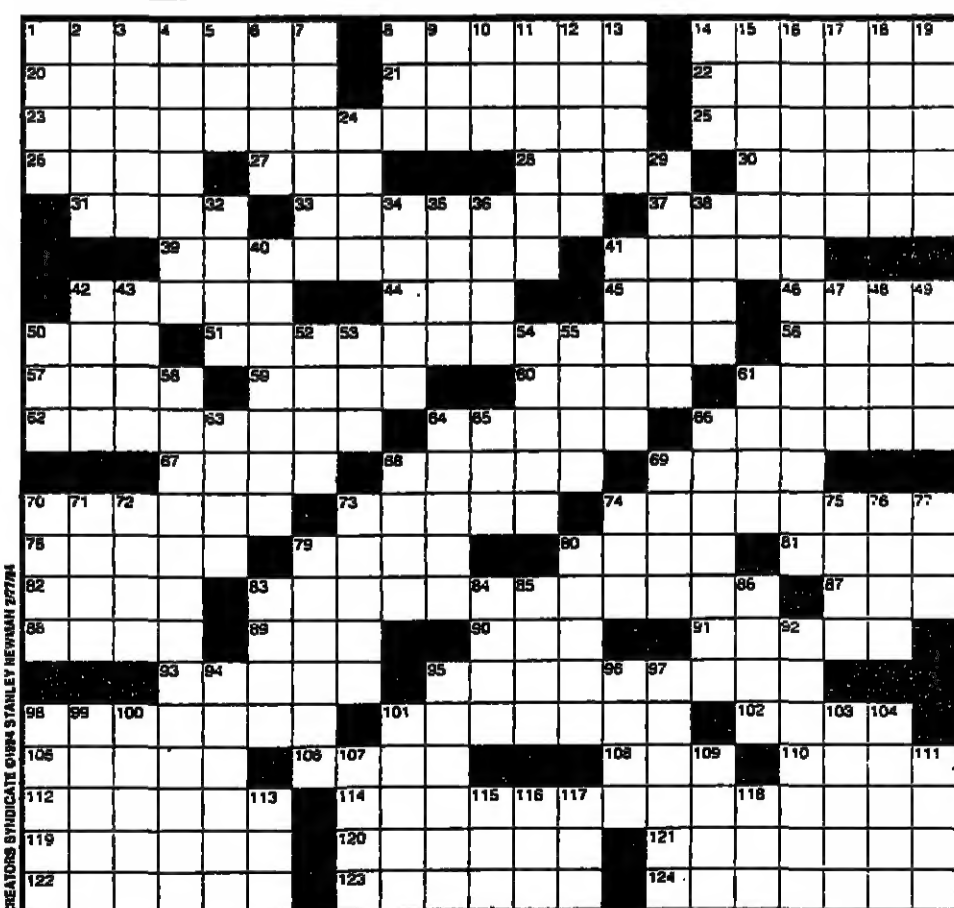
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Ben-Gurion's about-face on Jabotinsky

THERE AND THEN
SRAYA SHAPIRO

DAVID Ben-Gurion's attitude toward Revisionist founder Ze'ev Jabotinsky was not always antagonistic, according to a recent book.

Prof. Ze'ev Tzohar's *Hehazon Yehashbon* ("Vision and Reckoning"), published by Sifriat HaPoalim-Yediot Aharanot (316 pp.), offers insight into the two men's convoluted relations, and other aspects of Ben-Gurion's life.

In 1934, Ben-Gurion negotiated an agreement between the socialists and Jabotinsky's uncompromising nationalism. Ben-Gurion insisted a world catastrophe was inevitable and called for a united Jewish stand in Palestine.

The pact, however, was not approved by the leaders of Mapai, Ben-Gurion's party.

Four years later, the Hagana and Irgun Zva'i Leumi proposed a deal, but Ben-Gurion wrecked it. Hence this time. Why the about-face?

Ben-Gurion realized Jabotinsky had no control over his followers, Tzohar said.

"Jabotinsky, a romantic and individualist, had no disposition toward the routine of political management," he said.

"He directed his talents to writing, to speaking tours, to the staging of big special affairs. He had no daily care for his movement in the hands of others, intervening

very little in its operation."

And Ben-Gurion thoroughly distrusted the political acumen and sense of national responsibility of Jabotinsky's disciples.

Ben-Gurion often spoke about "vision," even "Messianic vision."

But vision for him was not Utopia or fancy—it was an outline for political action, aiming for a concrete goal attainable only by long and painful effort.

"You live with the sense of vision day-by-day; it is what you do, to what you are subjugated unconditionally," he said.

DAVID GRYN—who changed his name to "Ben-Gurion"—was an uncompromising Marxist when he stepped ashore in Jaffa in 1906, though his political goal was a Jewish State.

Like so many others, he believed that the Great Revolution in Russia ensured a new era for mankind. Only in 1923, after he visited Moscow on a Histadrut mission, did he realize that the Jews in Palestine could not hope for solace from the Soviet Union.

But even as Histadrut secretary-general he had difficulties convincing his followers of his revelation.

The Gdud Ha'avoda ("Labor Battalions") group spoke about turning the entire Yishuv into a



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kibbutz. Some of its leaders looked to Moscow for money and arms.

Two members actually went to Moscow. It is not clear whom they met, says Tzohar.

Ben-Gurion was furious and called for a closed meeting of the Histadrut Council at which he revealed the existence of the secret group dealing with the Soviets.

The Histadrut leaders rallied around Ben-Gurion and expelled the Gdud group from the Hista-

drut, which meant cutting off financial allocation to its members. In disgust the radicals left Kfar Giladi, the kibbutz which the Gdud had established in Upper Galilee.

Less than a year later the extremists went to Russia, where most of them ultimately perished in Soviet gulags.

However, Ben-Gurion was not always successful in imposing his authority on the Histadrut.

Barely a year after the War of



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Independence he caused an uproar in the Knesset by accusing the kibbutz movement of failing in its duty to help absorb new immigrants.

"I am a pioneer myself," he said. "I am ashamed."

There was a reason for the movement's failure to excel in absorption. The kibbutz is a closed society, and its members behave like members of a family.

To open the kibbutz to a host of newcomers whose background

and aspirations belong to an alien world was like decreeing the demise of the kibbutz idea. In Hakibbutz Hame'uhad in particular, Ben-Gurion's appeal was treated as a declaration of war.

Ben-Gurion's leadership was not enough to move the kibbutz on this issue, particularly since he had never been a kibbutz member at that point.

Prof. Tzohar was Ben-Gurion's secretary in Sde Boker before turning to an academic career.

Dozy dogs: Sudden sleep can be illness

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

DOGS, like people, sometimes have neurological problems and often these go undiagnosed.

A couple in Tel Aviv writes: "We have a 16-month-old Doberman male. Sometimes, while sitting attentively he suddenly seems to either doze off or to lose consciousness for a few minutes. He also has a sort of seizure when he gets very excited, sometimes over a favorite food, almost always when our daughter comes home from the army for a visit. He falls on his side and stiffens. When he recovers he seems perfectly normal."

"We have been to several veterinarians. Some say it may be epilepsy. One is sure that it is a brain tumor and that the dog should be put down. We hesitate to do this as the dog is a sweet, affectionate animal. What can we do?"

Before taking the drastic step of destroying the animal, I would suggest that the dog be seen by someone competent in canine neurology at the School of Veterinary Medicine. There are only a few such specialists and, if you don't find one, try talking with a neurologist who specializes in human neurology and has experience with narcolepsy, a fairly rare condition that affects mainly people but also some dogs.

The symptoms certainly sound like narcolepsy, in that there are narcoleptic intervals (falling asleep without control) and seizures (catalepsy). The condition seems to be genetically transmitted and among dogs it is most commonly seen in Dobermans. So much so, in fact, that the Doberman is the research animal most used for the study of this condition.

In some laboratories special breeding of afflicted Dobermans has been undertaken in order to produce narcoleptic dogs for the testing of drugs for possible future human use.

This means that we now know more about canine narcolepsy and about the use of medications to control it than we do about the effect of these drugs on humans. I feel certain that a neurologist would be able to recommend medication to control these symptoms in a dog. In any case it is worth a try before taking less desirable steps.

Obviously, a dog with this condition should not be allowed to breed since the disease does appear to be genetically transmitted. Given recent advances in genetic studies one may hope that these genetically transmitted conditions will, in the future, be eliminated.

Pootshie-mootshie's first day with his adoring family

KISHON'S KEYHOLE
EPHRAIM KISHON

EVERY premiere is an exciting event, but what's a premiere to the greatest show on earth? The first appearance of a new baby before his loving relatives.

The little woman had presented Rafi to the nation in the middle of the night, and they told me I'd have to wait till morning to see him. The doctor had said I'd better come alone the first time, so I didn't take anyone along except my mother, because she's my mother, and my parents-in-law, because they, too, had suddenly become grandparents.

Also Aunt Ilka and Uncle Jake, because they'd never have forgiven me if I'd left them out, and the Zieglers, who'd brought such a darling little romping suit, consisting of white booties, a bonnet and the cutest blue panties you ever saw.

By a curious coincidence, we received exactly the same present from my mother, as well as from Aunt Ilka and Uncle Jake, not to mention scores of friends and acquaintances. And the milkman.

In a way we felt it was a pity the child would grow up, as otherwise he'd be equipped with warm clothing for life. One thing is certain, though. Any baby born within the circle of my friends in the near future will receive a darling little romping suit from me.

Naturally, I didn't come to my wife empty-handed.

At one moment during those difficult hours on the bench I'd promised myself I'd buy her a mink coat if she brought it off, but this was the morning after, and I remembered soberly that summer was just around the corner, and she'd look pretty silly wearing furs in a heat wave.

Instead, I went to the fanciest jewelry shop in town and chose a smashing diamond necklace, which seemed just the thing till I saw the price tag. Really, who does the woman think I am? Rockefeller? Just because she's given birth to a baby? She's not the first woman who has, and they don't all get diamonds for it, do they?

In the end, I bought her some smashing carnations tied with a fancy ribbon, and a banana for Rafi. I also put on a dark suit to show my appreciation for her efforts.

I felt so full of goodwill toward her that I even decided not to tell her what I'd gone through last night.

On the way to the hospital my mother urged us to keep a distance of no less than two yards between us and the baby, because

she was sure we were all crawling with microbes.

I was stung to the quick—crawling? crawling?—Aunt Ilka said she only hoped my mother wasn't like some grandparents she knew, and wouldn't start going pootshie-mootshie over Rafi, which would be a sure way of spoiling him from birth. What with one thing and another, our tempers were rather strained by the time we arrived at the hospital.

Information had had a hard night and was dozing, so we slipped by ten minutes, and a nurse showed us to the little woman's room. We knocked reverently on the door, but she wasn't in. Uncle Jake, who has two terms of pharmacology to his credit, said she'd probably been taken out for a post-natal check-up.

At that moment Aunt Ilka, who'd stayed a little behind still nursing her grudge, gave a great triumphant shout: "Here! He's here!"

We rushed over and there... on an oversized tea-wagon... swaddled in white from top to toe like a cocoon... "My God"—the little one's grandmother whispered—"The child! Isn't he sweet! Isn't he

grandma's own pootshie-mootshie!"

"Little heart of mine"—my mother breathed—"Little heart of mine..."

"Can't see a thing," said I, whereupon Aunt Ilka snorted that of course I couldn't, nobody could, the way they'd bundled him up, and gingerly pulled down the blanket and faintly with bliss.

There was Rafi. Rafi himself. Like a little angel.

With a halo around his head. My mother-in-law broke into sobs.

"Ach," she sobbed. "He's the image of poor Uncle Paul... Look at that nose!... And the mouth!"

"And the ears!" her husband muttered. "Just like his grandma's."

"Nonsense!" Jake protested. "The chin is pure Victor. That's just how he used to stick out his chin when he got a bad hand at poker."

"And I say," declared Mrs. Ziegler, "that he's the spitting image of his mother. Those eyes! Just look how he opens and shuts them... Exactly like she does."

Opens them... shuts them..."

I myself kept quiet because frankly, I felt a bit confused. When I'd first set eyes on Rafi just now, I'd heard a big bell tolling in my head, saying bing-bong, this is no joke, this is your son, old man, and I'd lost my heart to Rafi then and there.

On the other hand, he—well, how shall I put it—with those big bags under his eyes, and his red, bald, toothless and crumpled appearance altogether, he actually looked like nothing so much as a wizened stockbroker. I hasten to add that of course he was a cute little miniature broker, very cherubic and all, but I was a bit disappointed in him all the same.

Deep in my heart I'd hoped that as soon as he saw me he'd cry "Daddy! Daddy!" Then the child opened his mouth and broke into loud wails.

"You see his palate?" Aunt Ilka

cooed. "Just like poor Andy's."

Why deny it? We were all profoundly moved. After all, it is bloody marvelous that all the physical and spiritual traits of his ancestors should be incorporated in one such tiny tot. It's a miracle, really, the way Nature...

"Excuse me," a nurse interrupted my reflections at this point, and started walking away with the tea-wagon.

"Please," I asked. "Where is Mrs. Kishon?"

"Mrs. Kishon?"

"Yes, isn't this Mrs. Kishon's son?"

"This? No. This one belongs to Sarah Goldbloom. And anyhow, it's a girl."

And with that she took the little monster off.

Something ought to be done about the anarchy in our hospitals.

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Where have all the great ones gone?

NEW YORK (AP) — Nolan Ryan is down home on the farm. George Brett is up in the front office. Dale Murphy is out helping the kids. Carlton Fisk and Robin Yount are gone from the game all together.

For years, they were among baseball's best players. And for the first time in more than a quarter-century, none of them are playing.

"I have no regrets about retiring, none," Brett said. "The things I'm doing this spring made the transition easier. I don't feel that I'm missing anything from when I was a player."

Brett, 40, now is vice president of baseball operations for his former team, the Kansas City Royals. He stayed close to the action at pre-season spring training, hitting fungoes and pitching batting practice, and has a voice in player cuts and personnel moves.

Brett left last October with 3,154 hits in 21 years. His last hit came on his final at-bat, a single off Texas' Tom Henke, and drew a tip of the cap from Ryan in the Rangers' dugout.

Yount, 38, did not announce until mid-February he was leaving Milwaukee for 3,142 hits in 20 years. The Toronto Blue Jays, in need of a left fielder, talked during the off-season about reuniting Yount with his former Brewers teammate, World Series MVP Paul Molitor, but nothing worked out.

Yount and Fisk maintained no official ties with their teams. Fisk, 46, who set the record last season for most games caught, was cut by the Chicago White Sox in June and was ushered away from their locker room when he tried to visit during the playoffs.

Murphy, 38, retired from the Colorado Rockies in late May. He hit 398 home runs, most of them with the Atlanta Braves, and won the National League Most Valuable



ONE OF BASEBALL'S BEST — George Brett accumulated 3,154 hits in his 21 years as a player. (AP)

able Player Award in 1982 and 1983. During the off-season, Murphy signed on to be a part-time outfield coach with the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I didn't want to go to spring training to work on my tan, which needs a lot of work," he said.

For Ryan, 47, this is his first spring away from baseball since he began his big-league career in 1966. He is scheduled to make

some personal appearances on behalf of the Texas Rangers, however.

Ryan finished with 53 major league records, including 5,714 strikeouts and seven no-hitters, but never won a Cy Young Award. He was 324-292 with 61 shutouts in 27 seasons, which ended last September 22 when he tore an elbow ligament making a pitch to Dave Magadan in Seattle.

Ryan has not undergone surgery to repair the tear. Instead, he's enjoying his time on his farm in Texas, playing tennis and usually losing to his wife, Ruth. Ryan said before the 1993 season that it would be his last go-around, and said the career-ending injury left him without any second-guessing.

"It confirmed what I thought and removed all doubts," he said.

"Some people have the tendency to say, 'I'll play another year or I wish I had.' That's not the case here."

While the five former greats are gone, they could be together again in five years. They will all be eligible for the Hall of Fame after the 1998 season — Ryan, Brett and Yount seem like locks. Fisk seems likely and Murphy is probably on the bubble.

How Lara became a legend

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (Reuters) — Brian Lara sat alone in the pavilion at the Sydney Cricket Ground last year, knowing a silly run-out had cost him a wonderful chance to achieve the ultimate in cricket.

No matter that he had just scored 277, his first Test century, against Australia. Beneath the undeniable pride lay a trace of disappointment that Sir Garfield Sobers' world record of 365 not out remained intact.

West Indies coach Rohan Kanhai, one of the country's most distinguished ex-batsmen, approached the 23-year-old Trinidadian with words which now burn with significance. "Your next innings starts at zero," Kanhai told the young left-hander. "Don't worry about it. It's gone now. You have to start all over again."

At the Recreation Ground in Antigua last Monday, the brilliant Lara proved that cricket can be a game of second chances. As he eclipsed some of the greatest names in the sport's history, even the watching Sobers could scarcely feel wronged or deprived.

After England's Graham Gooch scored 333 against India at Lord's in 1990, it seemed Sobers' 1958 record against Pakistan would be safe into the next century.

Gooch was the first triple century in Test cricket for 16 years and the predominance of fast bowlers and improved modern fielding suggested 365 would remain an almost mythical figure in the game, a monument to Sobers' unique all-round genius.

Instead, the record has fallen to the son of a Trinidadian agriculture station manager, the youngest of 11 children, whose fellow countrymen have long referred to as "The Prince."

A classical stroke-player with



Cricket sensation Brian Lara.

boyish looks, a gregarious nature and a winning smile, Lara was a heavy scorer in schools and youth cricket before bursting on to the first-class scene.

He leapt to prominence with an innings of 182 against the touring Indians in 1989, followed by 134 against England the following year when he was also chosen to lead Trinidad and Tobago (for one unsuccessful season) at the tender age of 20.

He hit 139 in 5½ hours in his debut first-class innings for the West Indies but, after securing his initial Test cap in Pakistan in December 1990, the national selectors decided his development should not be rushed.

Tales soon began to surface that the shy off-field figure was not sufficiently disciplined on it.

In a match against the touring Australians in St. Vincent in 1991, he came to the crease to face off-spinner Peter Taylor, played the first ball defensively, then shouted to his partner: "Is it turning much?"

Informed it wasn't, Lara danced up the pitch and drove Taylor for four. He repeated the stroke next ball, was astounded to see it turn, and was duly stumped.

In any event, despite local newspaper outrage, it was 16 months before he played his second Test against South Africa in Bridgetown, and the fateful Sydney match was only his fifth Test appearance.

Any inexperience scarcely showed at the SCG. In the words of the Sydney Morning Herald, Lara was so dominant he "might have been playing with a stick of celery."

"When I got to 265, I began counting down. Everyone knew the record I was looking for," said Lara at the time, reflecting on his eight-hour effort which included 38 boundaries.

"I was dreaming of this day and it's nice that it's come so early. I have put a lot of pressure on myself but I have done it before and I can do it again."

Lara, 25 next month, has been as good as his word in the Caribbean in recent months. He scored a record 715 runs in the Red Stripe domestic season at an average of 79.44, and before Antigua, had averaged 50 in his first 15 Tests.

"There's nothing to replace, batting in the middle," he admitted recently. "If you get to 50, or whatever, you don't want to give it away."

Unbeaten on 320 at the close last Sunday, he was already £50,000 richer after picking up a sponsor's bonus for scoring the first double hundred of the series. He also insisted he was not tired and was particularly thrilled to have passed 291, the highest Test score achieved by the great Viv Richards.

A matter of facts: Basketball stats take on new dimensions

JERRY MITTLEMAN

BOB Bellotti, Dave Herren, and Martin Manley, are all names that NBA general managers and scouts are familiar with. No, they aren't candidates to be late picks in some upcoming draft. All are authors of new statistical methods that attempt to evaluate NBA players more effectively and have provided front office personnel and fans with additional tools of player assessment.

In the period between 1987 and 1988, Manley, Bellotti, and Herren all wrote books which attempted to give a composite picture of a player's production on the court. Herren's *Basketball Abstract* came out in 1988. Manley's first *Basketball Heaven* book appeared in 1987 and he followed that with two later editions. Bellotti's first book appeared in 1988, and he has been publishing a follow-up edition annually to the present.

Each of their methods are based on the premise that scoring averages alone give a narrow and often distorted picture of a player's true contribution. Although each system goes under a different name, they are all basically similar. In general, positive statistics such as points, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocked shots are added together, and then negatives like missed shots, misused free throws, turnovers and personal fouls are subtracted from the total. Manley divided these figures by games played. Therefore, his Production Ratings look very similar to scoring averages and are easily recognizable.

In Herren's TENDEX system, he factors in the player's minutes played and the game pace of his team. Bellotti's Points Created is a further refinement of Herren's ideas. By factoring in the Value of a Ball Possession, which he's computed for every NBA season and for college basketball as well, he can compare NBA players from different eras. He can also compare the relative contribution of college players, which is helpful in rating prospective draft picks. In theory, the system could be applied to any league, so in principle, players from the Israeli or any other European league could be rated.

Bellotti, operates the Night Work Publishing Co. from his suburban New Jersey home, and as he writes, is Night Work's author, publisher, shipping clerk, and janitor all rolled into one. Bellotti ponders issues like why NBA scoring is down 5 percent this season, the recent epidemic of poor foul shooting, and even why home teams fare poorly during Christmas time. His research and conclusions wind up appearing in publications such as *The Sporting News*, *Basketball America*, or in his annual book.

Over the years, Bellotti has made the progression from avid fan, to writer, to basketball insider. In the past, Sacramento, Utah, and Minnesota have used him as a consultant. Former Bucks' coach Del Harris praised the Points Created method in a lengthy foreword to Bellotti's most recent book and even though Harris has moved on to Sacramento, the Bucks still use Bellotti as a consultant. Every 20 games he analyzes the Bucks' performance, isolating strengths and weaknesses while doing the same for the Bucks' upcoming opponents.

Basketball's new age statisticians all owe a tremendous debt to Bill James of Lawrence, Kansas. James, whose first book, the *Baseball Abstract*, appeared in 1977, has been a prolific and influential baseball writer and researcher over the years. Even though Herren was tinkering with new statistical thinking as far back as the late 1950s during his student days, it was James who popularized the revolution in new sports stats among fans and made them respectable with front office people.

Over the years baseball has used James as a consultant in salary arbitration hearings. He's developed a very reliable method of evaluating minor leaguers' statistics and predicting their future success in the majors. Some major league teams have even used Jamesian theory to reconstruct their batting orders.

The new interest in sophisticated sports stats among fans also spurred the invention of basketball fantasy leagues in the 1980s and basketball fantasy leagues in the '90s. Here fans from their own leagues draft their own players (based on real major leaguers) and base the results according to their player's on-field statistics. Sort of a computer age progression from the office-run pools of before.

The nice thing about systems like Points Created is that they're based on stats that can be culled from any full box score. It's also the system's limitation. For instance, there is no way to adequately measure man-to-man defense. Bellotti tried this for several years before giving up. In rare instances, an All-Star like Joe Dumars, whose forte is defense and clutch shooting (which also can't be measured through box score stats), rates low.

According to Points Created, Hakeem Olajuwon was the NBA's most productive performer last year, not Charles Barkley, an impression that many shared while watching last year's playoffs. As for this year's MVP controversy between Olajuwon and David Robinson; my own calculations based on Points Created show Robinson ahead, with Shaquille O'Neal ranked above both of them.

Sports statistics have entered a new era and who knows? In a few years we could be accurately comparing Doron Jamchie and Nadav Henefeld with NBA players.

Bucs notch road win

ATLANTA (AP) — Al Martin drove in three runs with a homer and single as the Pittsburgh Pirates won their first road game this season, beating the Atlanta Braves 5-2 on Friday night.

Pittsburgh, which snapped a three-game losing streak, entered the game as the only team in the majors without a road win at 0-5.

Martin, who was once in the Braves organization, hit a two-run homer in the second off John Smoltz (2-2).

Zane Smith (2-1) allowed five hits in six innings, and rookie Rick White picked up, worked out of a jam in the eighth and pitched the ninth for his third save.

Reds 4, Marlins 2. Barry Larkin, mired in the worst batting slump of his career, stole home and scored another run on a wild pitch as host Cincinnati took advantage of defensive lapses by Florida.

Larkin, who entered the game batting .122, walked and scored the go-ahead run after Marlins reliever Richie Lewis (0-1) loaded the bases in the seventh.

Cardinals 6, Astros 5. Todd Zile's two-out single brought in the winning run to cap a wild bottom-of-the-ninth inning.

The Astros led 5-4 in the ninth when reliever Mitch Williams (0-1) struck out pinch-hitter Geronimo Pena for the first out but then issued consecutive walks to Ray Lankford, Ozzie Smith and Greg Jefferies to lead the bases.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| East Division | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Toronto | 11 | 5 | .688 | - |
| Baltimore | 11 | 6 | .600 | 1 1/2 |
| New York | 9 | 8 | .524 | 3 1/2 |
| Detroit | 5 | 11 | .313 | 8 |
| Central Division | | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Chicago | 10 | 6 | .625 | - |
| Cleveland | 8 | 8 | .500 | 2 |
| Minnesota | 7 | 7 | .500 | 3 |
| Kansas City | 5 | 12 | .294 | 5 1/2 |
| West Division | | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| California | 6 | 9 | .400 | - |
| Oakland | 7 | 9 | .438 | 1 1/2 |
| Seattle | 8 | 10 | .444 | 2 1/2 |

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS:

New York 4, Seattle 2
Boston 6, Oakland 5
Cleveland 10, Minnesota 6
Milwaukee 6, Chicago 4
California 11, Baltimore 3
Only games scheduled.

FRIDAY'S AL RESULTS:

New York 4, Oakland 6
Boston 6, California 5
Toronto 8, Minnesota 2
Milwaukee 9, Kansas City 5
Baltimore 6, Seattle 4
Chicago 7, Detroit 2
Texas 7, Cleveland 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Brewers 9, Royals 8

Dave Nilsson hit a two-run double in the bottom of the ninth inning as Milwaukee rallied past Kansas City to end the Royals' 151-game streak of holding leads after eight innings.

The Royals' streak was the longest of that type in 50 years. The last time Kansas City wasted a lead after eight was in August 1991, when Kansas City led Texas 4-3 in the ninth and lost in 11 innings.

Orioles 6, Mariners 4

Lee Smith got his eighth save quicker than anyone else, and Ben McDonald (4-0) became the first AL's first four-game winner, allowing eight hits and three earned runs in 7 1/2 innings at Camden Yards.

Smith, who pitched a perfect ninth, has eight saves in the Orioles' first 15 games, breaking the previous record of 17 games set by Mark Davis of San Diego in 1989.

Baltimore took command in the first with four earned runs off Dave Fleming (3-2).

Blue Jays 8, Twins 2

Pat Hentgen pitched a five-hitter, and Joe Carter went 3-for-5 with a home run as host Toronto extended its winning streak to five.

Smith (3-1) struck out four, walked none and allowed only one earned run in his second straight complete game. Hentgen, who had three complete games last season, beat the California Angels 4-3 last Saturday.

Carter homered in his first at-bat against Scott Erickson (1-3) since the Twins starter broke Carter's thumb with a pitch during spring training. Carter ran the bases slowly and started over at Erickson after rounding third.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| East Division | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Atlanta | 12 | 4 | .750 | - |
| New York | 9 | 7 | .563 | 3 1/2 |
| Montreal | 8 | 8 | .500 | 4 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 9 | .438 | 5 1/2 |
| Central Division | | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Cincinnati | 10 | 4 | .714 | - |
| St. Louis | 10 | 5 | .667 | 1 1/2 |
| Houston | 8 | 7 | .533 | 2 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 7 | .500 | 3 |
| Chicago | 4 | 10 | .286 | 6 |
| West Division | | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| San Francisco | 9 | 8 | .524 | - |
| Colorado | 7 | 8 | .467 | 1 1/2 |
| Los Angeles | 7 | 7 | .500 | 2 1/2 |
| San Diego | 7 | 10 | .412 | 5 1/2 |

THURSDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Philadelphia 4, San Francisco 6
Montreal 5, San Diego 4
Only games scheduled.

FRIDAY'S NL RESULTS:

Cincinnati 4, Florida 3
Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 6, Houston 5
Chicago 9, Colorado 2
Houston 7, Los Angeles 5
San Diego 6, Philadelphia 5
New York 3, San Francisco 1

Utah makes playoffs

DENVER (AP) — Karl Malone scored a season-high 38 points, including 28 in the second half, as Utah clinched the fifth playoff spot in the Western Conference with a 113-106 victory over Denver.

Utah, which trailed most of the game, took the lead for good at 94-92 on Malone's basket with 7:46 remaining. Jeff Hornacek, who scored 19 points, sealed the victory with a shot that gave Utah a 106-97 lead with 3:20 to play.

Denver was led by Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf with 31 points. Abdul-Rauf was 2-for-2 at the free-throw line, making him 218 of 227 this season for a .960 percentage.

Marvins 197, Bulls 95. Jamal Mashburn scored 28 points and Jim Jackson 22 as host Dallas defeated injury-depleted Houston.

The Rockets were without center Hakeem Olajuwon and guard Vernon Maxwell, each of whom played in Houston's 126-100 victory over Dallas Friday at Houston.

The Rockets, who finish at home against Denver on Sunday, have already wrapped up the Midwest Division title and second seed in the Western Conference playoffs. They were led by Kenny Smith and Chris Thorpe with 19 points each.

Pacers 133, Blazers 88. Rik Smits scored a career-high 40 points as host Indiana won its seventh straight game.

The Pacers, tied for fifth place with Cleveland in the Eastern Conference, continued to prep for the playoffs with some of their best play of the season, while the Sixers lost for the 27th time in 31 games.

Just 24 hours after losing by 48 points to New York, the Sixers fell by 45 points to the Pacers, who matched their own NBA mark for margin of victory, a 131-86 win over the Knicks in 1990.

Indiana, in addition to matching its club-record of seven straight wins, also notched its team-record 46th victory.

Greg Graham, roppped Philadelphia with 15 points. Trail Blazers 118, Timberwolves 103. Cliff Robinson scored 23 of his 28 points in the second half for visiting Portland in what might have been the final NBA game in Minnesota.

Isiah Rider scored 25 points for the Timberwolves, whose owners are threatening to sell to a group that would move the team to Nashville, Tennessee, unless there is a public takeover of money-losing Target Center.

Clyde Drexler also scored 28 points for Portland, which closes Sunday against Seattle. The Blazers won for only the second time in six games as they prepare for their 11th straight playoff appearance.

Cavaliers 117, Bulls 96. Tyrone Hill scored 20 points on 8-for-8 shooting and seven of his host

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Cleveland 117, Washington 96
Portland 118, Minnesota 103
Utah 113, Denver 106
Indiana 133, Philadelphia 88
Boston 104, Chicago 94, 2OT
Dallas 107, Houston 95
New York 125, Milwaukee 85
Phoenix 127, L.A. Clippers 121
Seattle 94, San Antonio 87

Cleveland teammates also reached double figures. The Cavaliers are in a race with Indiana for the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs, although the Pacers would win a tiebreaker. The fifth seed will play fourth-seeded Orlando in the first round.

Cleveland scored the first nine points of the game and built leads as high as 18 points in the first quarter. Washington shot 27 percent in the period and never recovered.

Celtics 104, Bulls 94. Robert Parish, playing in perhaps his next-to-last NBA game, scored nine points in the second overtime as visiting Boston, ended the Bulls' chances for the top seed in the Eastern Conference.

The 40-year-old center hit three straight baskets to start the second overtime, putting the Celtics ahead 96-90. He also had three free throws.

Dee Brown scored a career-high 40 points for Boston, which will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1978-79.

The Bulls, led by Scottie Pippen's 30 points, fell one game behind both Atlanta and New York, which beat Milwaukee 125-85 Friday night.

Knicks 125, Bucks 85. Visiting New York enhanced its playoff chances and Pat Riley won his 70th game as an NBA coach.

Patrick Ewing scored 22 points for the Knicks, who defeated Philadelphia 130-82 Thursday in New York.

The Knicks, now 56-25, pulled into a tie for the best record in the Eastern Conference with the Atlanta Braves. They close out the season Sunday in Chicago against the Bulls, who lost at home to Boston in double overtime and fell a game behind the Hawks and New York.

The Bucks, who finish the season Saturday night at New Jersey, were led by Eric Murdock, who scored 15 points before being ejected in the third period.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic Division | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| New York | 56 | 25 | .688 | - |
| Orlando | 48 | 31 | .613 | 8 1/2 |
| New Jersey | 44 | 36 | .550 | 12 1/2 |
| Atlanta | 41 | 39 | .513 | 15 1/2 |
| Boston | 32 | 49 | .395 | 24 |
| Philadelphia | 24 | 57 | .296 | 32 |
| Washington | 23 | 58 | .294 | 33 |
| Central Division | | | | |
| Team | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Indiana | 56 | 25 | .688 | - |
| Chicago | 48 | 31 | .613 | 8 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 46 | 33 | .580 | 10 |
| Cleveland | 46 | 35 | .568 | 11 |
| Detroit | 40 | 40 | .500 | 15 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 20 | 60 | .250 | 35 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 20 | 61 | .247 | 36 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Midwest Division | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|------|----|
| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| y-Houston | 58 | 23 | .716 | |
| x-San Antonio | 54 | 27 | .667 | 4 |
| x-Utah | 52 | 29 | .642 | 6 |
| x-Denver | 41 | 40 | .506 | 17 |
| Minnesota | 20 | 61 | .247 | 38 |
| Dallas | 12 | 69 | .148 | 46 |
| Pacific Division | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| z-Seattle | 59 | 19 | .756 | |

Marseille demoted, Tapie out Mac. Haifa, TA get late victories

PARIS (AP) — After rising to the pinnacle of European soccer, Olympique Marseille is headed back to where it was a decade ago: in France's second division and without owner Bernard Tapie.

Ending months of delays, French soccer authorities on Friday punished Marseille for alleged match-rigging by demoting the club from the first division and ousting Tapie.

Olympique will struggle to survive the loss of prestige and the looming financial disaster from reduced value in television rights.

Prospective transfers are already expressing doubts about playing on a second-division club next season. Marseille city officials, who kept Tapie aloft this year, wonder where more money will come from.

Tapie, the politician-tycoon who took over the club in 1986, was stripped of his license and barred from directing a French club.

Marseille's former manager, Jean-Pierre Bernes, was banned from the sport for life for orchestrating bribes to players on the rival club, Valenciennes, to throw a league match last season.

Jean-Jacques Eydiele, the Marseille midfielder who acted as Bernes' middleman, and two Valenciennes players who accepted the payoffs, Jorge Burru-

chaga and Christophe Robert, were suspended from playing in France until July 1, 1996.

Marseille last played in the second division in the 1983-84 season.

Tapie called the rulings "a parody." They do not affect criminal investigations into the case.

"This is a very grave decision, a veritable blow of a club," said the team's financial director, Alain Laroché.

The bribes were allegedly made so Valenciennes would go easy on Marseille in a May 1993 league match, so Tapie's club could save energy for the European Champions Cup final against AC Milan six days later.

Marseille beat both Valenciennes and Milan, becoming the first French team to win a European title.

As the scandal unfolded, Marseille was stripped of its fifth straight French league title and barred from defending its European trophy this season.

"It's shameful, a scandal," said a fan named Mustapha at the supporter club. "They want to destroy Marseille."

Tapie remains extremely popular in Marseille, a run-down Mediterranean port whose soccer club is, some say, the only thing that works well.

THE 33rd round of National League soccer action was a true cracker. An exciting doubleheader at Bloomfield proved that Israeli soccer can be as thrilling as any other soccer match across the globe.

The four teams — Maccabi Tel Aviv, Maccabi Netanya, Hapoel Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa — produced two matches at Bloomfield which 22,000 spectators will never forget. Thousands were locked outside unable to acquire tickets for a double act that featured the league's top two in the battle for the title.

The stadium was a mass of color as the green of Maccabi Haifa mingled with the red of Hapoel Tel Aviv and gold of Maccabi Tel Aviv.

At the end of three hours of heart-stopping action the top two sides both won late victories and remained within two points of each other with just six matches left.

Mac. Netanya 1, Mac. Tel Aviv 2. The Tel Avivans came out of the tunnel into a raucous Bloomfield stadium knowing that anything less than a win would realistically spell the end of their title aspirations.

Both sides opened with the emphasis on attack. The Netanyans almost took a 32nd minute lead when Avishai Jano lobbed the ball centimeters over the Tel Aviv upright after goalkeeper Alexander Obarov had straddled off his line to intercept a dangerous run by Igor Shkvin.

Six minutes later Netanya stunned the Tel Aviv supporters as Shkvin directed Jano's cross from the left wing past Obarov from close range.

The goal sent the huge hostile segments of red and green in the crowd into ecstasy, but their joy proved short-lived as Itzik Zohar headed in the Tel Aviv equalizer four minutes later.

In the 60th minute the Tel Avivans were awarded a penalty as Nir Klinger was toppled over as he burst through the area. Itzik Zohar, normally a sure bet from 11 meters, struck his spot kick too close to Gabi Eliaz in the Netanya goal, and the shot was safely gathered.

Tel Aviv's title pursuit seemed dead, as the game-clock ran on into the final minutes. Then, with less than 120 seconds left, Avi Nimni met a superbly flighted Zohar corner at the near-post.

DEREK FATTAL

Mac. Tel Aviv 1, Mac. Haifa 3. This first match of Betar's three-match radius punishment, closed to Jerusalem fans, was played in a ghost-like atmosphere before a handful of Hapoel fans who made the trip to Ashdod's neutral ground.

A 20th minute goal by Ronen Harazi for Betar suggested their journey was wasted. The Haifaites however fought back, leveling the scores through the veteran Neshach Masouhi four minutes before the break. Three minutes later Shlomi Eliaz made it 2-1 for Hapoel with a 20-meter cracker that beat Yacov Assayag.

Best Yehuda 3, Mac. Petah Tikva 1. The Hatikva Quarter has much to thank Hapoel's Golan Malul for. Three errors of judgment by the Hapoel keeper gave Betar the lead.

The first save Malul fell opposing attacker Shah Edani in the area and Sergei Gerasimets hammered home from the spot.

Malul then misjudged a long shot in the second period from Moshe Eisenberg which increased the hosts lead to 2-0. Assi Ben-Shimon hit Petah Tikva's solitary consolation goal in the 57th minute.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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| Shkvin, 38 | | Zohar, 42 | |
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Moorer takes title from Holyfield

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It would be a left-handed compliment to call Michael Moorer the heavyweight champion.

But that's what Moorer is after outpointing Evander Holyfield to win the IBF and WBA titles Friday night and become the first left-handed heavyweight champion in history.

To the surprise of many ring-siders, however, Moorer had to win the last round in order to win the fight, and he won the round on all three cards.

Because he did, he won the fight 115-114 in the eyes of Jerry Roth and 116-112 according to Chuck Giampa. Darby Shirley called it 114-114, making it a majority decision.

The AP had it 118-111.

CompuBox, a computer analysis of the fight, showed Moorer landed 341 of 659 punches, 52 percent, while Holyfield landed 192 of 499 punches, 39 percent.

Moorer, with 309 right jabs and 180 on target, had Holyfield constantly confused. "The left-handed style was a big problem," Holyfield said. "I trained for it but it was still a big problem."

Moorer had Holyfield reeling in several rounds, cut him over the left eye and pounded his face lumpy. After the fight, Holyfield was taken to Valley Hospital for a possible rotator cuff injury which his corner said could have happened in the second round.

It was in the second round that it appeared Holyfield might end the fight.

Moorer had been stabbing him with jabs and dominating the round when, at the 2:41 mark, Holyfield lashed out with a left hook and right hand to the head that dropped Moorer. He took an 8-count on one knee before rising.

The former champion did not offer the shoulder injury as an excuse and said, "The cut made it difficult, but Michael Moorer fought a great fight."



EX-CHAMP — Evander Holyfield walks dejectedly to his corner as a jubilant Michael Moorer celebrates his victory. (AP)

Holyfield's trainer, Don Turner, said his fighter never complained about the shoulder during the fight.

Referring to Holyfield's injury, Moorer, 26, said, "I didn't know if anything was wrong. He was punching like a mule."

In the 12th round, Moorer opened up and had the 31-year-old Holyfield showing the age and the effects of the many battles he had in a career dating to 1984.

Holyfield tried to go toe-to-toe with Moorer in the final round but Moorer had him reeling backward on several occasions, mainly from the right jab.

The history-making victory boosted Moorer's record to 35-0 with 30 knockouts. Moorer, who weighed 214 pounds, was fighting for only the 13th time as a heavyweight.

Harding sues ex-husband

PORTLAND (AP) — American figure skater Tonya Harding is back in court, this time in a fight with her ex-husband over a pickup truck and a motorcycle.

She filed a lawsuit Friday against Jeff Gillooly seeking the return of a pickup truck and a motorcycle, or \$12,500. She also seeks \$30,000 in punitive damages.

An injunction was issued barring any sale of the vehicles. A hearing was scheduled for Friday.

The lawsuit said Harding bought the vehicles last year, using her own money. In November, the motorcycle was parked behind her mother-in-law's house for the winter. In January, the couple split during the investigation of the knee-bashing of Harding's rival, Olympic silver medalist Nancy Kerrigan.

Aylon, Porter take golf honors

URI Aylon and Leslie Porter won the better ball Stableford competition at the Caesars Golf Club over the weekend with 51 points for the best 18 holes.

Second place were Eli Gitlin and David Shur at 27 with the best back nine, followed by Albert Eli and Mike Banister, third-place finishers with the best front nine at 28. In fourth place was the husband and wife team of Florence and Chester Sahetpety with 47.

Steve Weil

Dallas, Detroit, Calgary win conference games

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dallas, Detroit and Calgary won Western Conference games as the NHL playoffs continued Friday night.

Paul Cavallini scored a power-play goal at 8:34 of overtime to lead the Stars to a 5-4 victory over the St. Louis Blues and a 3-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

The Stars can complete a sweep of the series today and put themselves into the second round starting next week. The New York Rangers have a 3-0 lead over the New York Islanders and can also finish off their series today.

Only two teams in NHL history have come back from 3-0 deficits in the playoffs. The 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs against Detroit for the Stanley Cup and the 1975 New York Islanders against Pittsburgh.

Meanwhile, rookie Chris Osgood stopped 22 shots as the Red Wings beat the San Jose Sharks 3-2 to take a 2-1 lead in their series.

Theoren Fleury scored two goals, including the tie-breaker in the third period, as the Flames beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-2 to take a 2-1 lead in their series.

Washington, New Jersey and Boston all lead their series 2-1 and Toronto leads Chicago 2-0.

Stars 5, Blues 4 (OT)

The Stars' third power-play goal of the game came from holding. Cavallini took the penalty box for holding. Bredan Shanahan shot that deflected off Bredan Shanahan but he got the puck right back and beat Curtis Joseph with 40-foot drive for his first goal of the playoffs.

Flames 4, Canucks 2

Fleury broke a 1-1 tie when he steamed down the right wing and scored with a hard shot in the third period to give the Flames the momentum. He added an empty-net goal with two seconds left.

The Flames played the last period without veteran forwards Joe Nieuwendyk and Joel Otto, both injured during the final shift of the second period.

Fleury's empty-net goal was his third of the playoffs.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Western Conference — Dallas 5, St. Louis 4 (OT). Stars lead best-of-seven series 3-0; Detroit 3, San Jose 2 (Red Wings lead best-of-seven series 2-1); Calgary 4, Vancouver 2 (Flames lead best-of-seven series 2-1).

Israeli rackets eliminated

GREAT Britain beat Israel's women rackets 3-0 in Federation Cup play yesterday, knocking them out of the tournament.

Jo Dini beat Shiri Burstein 6-3, 6-2; Claire Wood stopped Anna Burstein 6-2, 6-1; and Dini and Wood combined to whip Burstein and Tzipi Ozler 6-2, 6-0.

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Cantona marks return with winning two-goal salvo as Utd beats Man City

LONDON (Reuters) — Eric Cantona made a typically flamboyant return from suspension with two goals to lead Manchester United to a 2-0 victory over Manchester City yesterday and re-ignite its flagging championship chase.

The victory lifted United three points clear of second-placed Blackburn Rovers, who played Queen's Park Rangers today, and put the English Premier League champions firmly back on course for a second successive title.

Cantona, banned for three league and two cup games after two dismissals, produced his two lethal blows just before halftime thanks to incisive passes from Mark Hughes.

He broke the deadlock in the 40th minute and then broke City's spirit with a superb second goal that he sent under the goalkeeper's body three minutes into first-half injury time.

But the Frenchman, voted Player of the Year by his fellow professionals, marred a glorious return with a booking five minutes from time for pulling down an opponent.

United also had Paul Ince and Roy Keane booked, while City's Steve McMahon and David Ro-

castle were shown yellow cards.

Although United reached the F.A. Cup final without him, Cantona was 'sorely missed' in the league as

| Key Representative Rates | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| US dollar | NIS 2.9910 - 0.64% |
| Sterling | NIS 4.4500 - 0.30% |
| Mark | NIS 1.7690 - 0.43% |

STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

| | Index | Change |
|------------|----------|--------|
| Dow Jones | 5,458.48 | +3.86 |
| S&P 500 | 1,025.12 | +0.25 |
| NASDAQ | 2,343.37 | +0.39 |
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Other stock market indexes

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Israeli stocks in NY

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| NYSE: AMEX | 1,121.00 | +0.00 |
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FTSE closes higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - Shares closed firm and near the day's highs as the market built on gains prompted by the overnight rise on Wall Street and in US bonds. The FTSE 100 closed 32.5 points higher at 3,153.77 which was down 35.1 on last Friday.

PARIS - French shares recovered their poise after three consecutive sessions of decline, ending the last day of the April bourse account two percent higher.

Dealers said an easing in money market rates, following the Bank of France's cut in official rates yesterday, and a strong recovery in French bond futures underpinned the rally. The CAC-40 index ended up 43.22, at 2,135.17 a drop of 24.32 since last week.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended firmer, but off the day's high as weak Roche certificates weighed on the market, dealers said.

The SMI index of leading shares ended 0.3 points firmer at 2,787.9, well below the day's high at 2,803.5. Over the week, the index fell 85 points.

The all-share SPI eased 6.74 points to 1,802.25, a fall of 41.29 on last Friday's close.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks finished higher as Japan's political turmoil eased and the yen weakened against the dollar. But financial institutions' selling in high-

LIBOR rates

| | Rate | Change |
|-----------|------|--------|
| 3 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 6 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 9 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 12 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 15 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 18 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 21 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 24 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 27 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 30 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 33 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 36 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 39 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 42 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 45 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 48 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 51 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 54 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 57 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |
| 60 months | 4.25 | -0.001 |

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US commodities

| | Price | Change |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Cocoa (May) (ICE) | 1,604 | -0.10 |
| Coffee (May) (ICE) | 64.25 | -0.10 |
| Wheat (May) (CBOT) | 314.75 | -0.75 |
| Soybeans (May) (CBOT) | 64.75 | -0.75 |
| Crude oil (May) (ICE) | 11.81 | -0.10 |
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Spot market metals (US)

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|---------------|--------|--------|
| Gold spot | 369.85 | -0.10 |
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New York metal futures

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Shares fall after rally Stocks reverse slide

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Wall Street stocks and bonds closed slightly weaker Friday amid light profit-taking after Thursday's stunning rally.

The dollar eased against most major currencies in a quiet session before the weekend meeting of economic officials from the world's richest industrial nations.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 3.86 points to end at 5,458.48, and it was down 12.79 points for the week.

But in the broader market, advancing issues led declines 1.26 to 909 on trading of more than 295 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nasdaq index gained 3.82 points at 2,343.37. On the Nasdaq market, advancing issues outnumbered losers 7-6.

Analysts said the market took heart in the stable performance of bonds, although they noted trading activity slowed prior to the weekend.

In the bond market, the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond closed down 0.32, or \$18.75 per \$1,000. The yield edged up to 7.23 percent from 7.21 percent at Thursday's close.

"On top of a big run like we had

yesterday, it's a good performance," said Bruce Birdes, market strategist at J.C. Bradford.

The Dow gained more than 53 points Thursday. The gains were sparked by a drop in long-term bond interest rates and on strong earnings by IBM Corp.

Analysts said they were encouraged by the lack of active profit-taking in stocks, noting it showed that some investors were looking for the market to move higher.

Foreign exchange traders were reluctant to push the dollar firmly in any direction before financial ministers of the Group of Seven nations meet in Washington this weekend.

They feared the meeting may result in an agreement between the countries - Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, Canada and the United States - to support a stronger dollar.

In late trading, the dollar was quoted at 103.23 Japanese yen in New York, down from 103.50 Thursday. It also eased to 1.6900 German marks from 1.6910 marks Thursday.

Silver prices plummeted, dragging down gold prices as well, as speculators sold heavily based on weak demand for the metal.

NEW YORK (AP) - Slam dunk or fiasco? Stock investors were trying to determine which one they were seeing this past week as the market staged what could be the beginning of a sustained rebound.

But traders and analysts still paint a picture of an unusually confusing and treacherous market - so perplexing that some won't even venture a guess about Wall Street's future direction.

Some analysts said Thursday's 53-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average signaled the end of a painful correction that started in early February and lopped more than nine percent off the blue-chip index. Others said the bear market was just taking a breather.

On Thursday, the Dow recouped just a fraction of the 379-point slide that began in early February, when the Federal Reserve began a campaign to aggressively fight inflation by raising short-term interest rates. The Fed tightened for the third time on Monday, sending the Dow down 41 points.

But Thursday, bond prices shot up, interest rates fell and equity investors went on a buying spree, giving analysts some hope that the downdraft may have ended.

The market treaded water Friday. The Dow eased 3.86 points to close at 5,458.48, paring its loss for the week to 12.79.

Despite the anemic performance at week's end, there was enough stability to give confidence to the market bulls. They reason that prices have been battered so low that bargain-hunters should begin buying in earnest and help

lift stocks.

James Solloway, research director at Argus Research Corp., said investors should have the confidence to buy because the economy and corporate earnings are strong enough to weather the rise in interest rates.

"We really won't have to worry about a major slowdown until at least the middle of '95 if not after that," Solloway said. "I wouldn't rule out another testing of the lows, but I think the worst is certainly past in this correction."

Charles Clough, chief investment strategist at Merrill Lynch, disagreed. Stocks snapped back on Thursday because "we got awfully, awfully oversold."

Industrial stocks have been underperforming utilities and financial stocks for several weeks, a sign that manufacturers - the workhorses of the economy - are not on solid enough footing to produce strong profits past the first or second quarter, Clough said.

"This is a stock market discounting a slower economy in the second half of the year," Clough said. "What that means is earnings are in trouble."

On Friday, the New York Stock Exchange's composite index fell 0.23 to 247.95, gaining 0.49 for the week. The Nasdaq composite index rose 3.82 to 2,343.37, but lost 5.41 for the week.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index rose 2.18 to 433.31, down 4.98 for the week. The Standard and Poor's 500 index lost 1.10 to 447.63, posting a gain of 1.43 for the week.

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| Swiss franc (SF 200,000) | 3.500 | 3.875 | 4.500 |
| Yen (10 million) | 3.500 | 3.875 | 4.500 |

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Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (22.4.94)

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| Currency basket | 2.3070 | 1.4520 | 2.52 | 3.2288 |
| U.S. dollar | 1.0000 | 1.0131 | 1.32 | 2.3911 |
| German mark | 1.7548 | 1.7795 | 1.72 | 1.7690 |
| Pound sterling | 4.4617 | 4.4790 | 4.23 | 4.54 |
| French franc | 6.5592 | 6.5175 | 6.53 | 6.50 |
| Japanese yen (100) | 2.8863 | 2.9067 | 2.82 | 2.8850 |
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| Swedish krona | 1.0070 | 1.0323 | 0.37 | 1.01 |
| Norwegian krona | 0.4051 | 0.4106 | 0.40 | 0.42 |
| Danish krone | 1.4686 | 1.4546 | 0.46 | 1.45 |
| Finnish mark | 0.5409 | 0.5495 | 0.53 | 0.5478 |
| Canadian dollar | 2.1262 | 2.1856 | 2.12 | 2.1687 |
| Australian dollar | 1.9672 | 2.1657 | 2.04 | 2.04 |
| S. African rand | 1.9529 | 1.9966 | 0.70 | 2.00 |
| Belgian franc (100) | 0.2541 | 0.2573 | 0.26 | 0.2574 |
| Australian dollar (100) | 1.9672 | 2.1657 | 2.04 | 2.04 |
| Italian lira (1000) | 1.3577 | 1.3826 | 1.30 | 1.3873 |
| Jordanian dinar | - | - | 0.10 | 0.36 |
| Egyptian pound | - | - | 0.06 | 0.51 |
| ECU | 3.2946 | 3.4625 | 4.19 | 4.26 |
| Irish punt | 4.2304 | 4.3539 | 4.19 | 4.26 |
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Ramon to appeal ruling banning his name on ballot

THE Histadrut court this weekend approved the Ramon-Meretz list's participation in the Histadrut elections next month, but not the list's use of the name "Ramon" on its ballot. MK Haim Ramon intends to dispute the ruling in Tel Aviv District Court this morning.

The court, overturning Thursday's ruling by the general elections committee, determined that the Ramon-Meretz list is not new, but constitutes already existing lists and is therefore exempt from having to submit the names of 5,000 supporters and depositing NIS 20,000.

The authority also approved the slogan of Ramon's list, "New Life in the Histadrut," which the elections committee had disqualified.

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as election propaganda (since Ramon's first name, Haim, means life in Hebrew), although it accepted the committee's ban of the name "Ramon." The committee had maintained that the elections are not personal, and the list name should therefore indicate the parties represented in it, rather than its leader's name.

Sources in Ramon's campaign staff said yesterday that they would not give in on using the name "Ramon" on the ballot notes and were confident that the district court would overrule the Histadrut court's decision.

Sources in Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld's camp

said yesterday the Labor Party would probably not appeal the court's ruling today, or the decision to let Ramon's list run as an already existing one. They noted, however, that "Ramon himself had announced that he was setting up an independent, non-partisan list when he left Labor, and then Meretz and Shas decided to join him."

Haberfeld commented over the weekend on the Ramon-Meretz list's intention to let Shas appoint from its ranks a Histadrut rabbi, a position which does not exist at present. Speaking at a meeting of the engineers' union, Haberfeld said "there may not be an opening for a Histadrut rabbi, but perhaps we will appoint a Histadrut mohel [ritual circumciser]."

Shas furious as its man omitted from Ramon advert

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

SHAS members were furious on Friday to see that Shas's representative, David Tal, was omitted from the huge advertisements published in weekend newspapers featuring the Ramon list's "winning team."

Shas sources accused the list leaders of trying to "sweep Shas under the carpet" and hide its participation from left-wing voters Ramon and Meretz are trying to take away from Labor. A source suggested that Meretz fears driving away potential voters if it advertises the bearded face of a haredi man next to the other "clean-cut, clean-shaven, yuppie faces."

The ads, featuring the slogan "...and this is the winning team which will cause the revolution in the Histadrut," includes portraits of those leading the list, with leader MK Haim Ramon followed with one exception by Nos. 2 through 6: MK Haim Oron, MK Ran Cohen, MK Amir Peretz, and MK Anat Maor. Shas representative David Tal, who is fifth on the list, does not appear in the ad.

Sources in Ramon's campaign denied they were trying to hide Shas from the voters, saying the ads

were meant to portray the well-known faces of Ramon and the MKs in the top four slots. MK Maor was included because she is the list's candidate for Na'amat secretary-general. Tal, they promised, will probably appear in this week's ads.

Tal, Shas sources retorted, may not be as well-known as the MKs, but he has been a member of the Histadrut's executive for four years, while the "winning team" featured in the ads has had no Histadrut experience whatsoever.

Ramon addressed dozens of union representatives at Mapam House over the weekend at a closed meeting. After the gathering, union members reported that Ramon had no answers for the workers' serious problems and was probably afraid that his ignorance in Histadrut matters would leak to the press.

"He kept talking about the necessity of a revolution in the Histadrut and that it needs shaking up, but could provide no solutions or proposals to anything we brought up, admitting that he did not know anything about it," one union member said.

Doctors plan 24-hour strike

JUDY SIEGEL

NEARLY all public-sector physicians in government, Kupat Holim Clalit and voluntary hospitals, and community clinics and district health offices intend to hold a 24-hour warning strike on Tuesday.

Doctors will handle emergency cases only beginning at 7 a.m. on Tuesday. The strike has been organized by the Israel Medical Association (IMA) as a protest against "foot-dragging" by the Treasury and their employers in wage negotiations.

The strike will also affect the two Hadassah-University Hospitals, Shaare Zedek Hospital and Bikur Holim Hospital (which are run by voluntary organizations) in Jerusalem, but not Netanya's voluntary hospital, Laniado, which has a no-strike clause built into employees' contracts. There will also be no doctors on duty at tipat halav (family health) centers.

The IMA has instructed independent doctors working for clinics not to receive patients in their private offices. Only dialysis and oncology departments in the hospitals will function normally; the rest will be run according to a reduced Shabbat schedule.

According to the IMA, doctors' salaries have fallen behind as a result of the recent wage increases in other sectors. Nurses responsible for departments "earn more than doctors who head the departments," the IMA said.

The Treasury spokesman was unavailable for comment over the weekend.

In other wage negotiations, the paramedical workers and X-ray technicians announced on Friday they had signed a collective wage agreement with the Treasury covering 1993 to 1996.

Last immigrants evicted from hotel

JERUSALEM'S President Hotel, home to hundreds of new immigrants over the past few years, was completely vacated late last week.

The Absorption Ministry's contract with the hotel expired at the end of March. However, the ministry decided to extend the contract until April 18, to avoid having to evict the remaining 43 families during Pesach.

On Thursday, the last family, which had refused to move to other housing, was evicted. The family agreed to take a room in Jerusalem's Ram Hotel.

Twenty-nine families were eligible for public housing outside of Jerusalem. Another 14 families who were not eligible for public housing rented private apartments with financial assistance from the Absorption Ministry.

Of 96 hotels rented by the Absorption Ministry to house new immigrants, 80 have been vacated. Some 1,300 immigrants still live in the remaining 16 hotels. (IUm)



Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer pinches cheeks at a housing fair held last week at the Building Center in Ramat Aviv. Several dozen contractors from all over the country participated in the fair, offering most of their apartments at what the minister said were fair prices: from \$70,000 to \$80,000 for three rooms. (Yisrael Hadori)

Japhet trial opens today

EVELYN GORDON

FORMER Bank Leumi chairman Ernst Japhet goes on trial in Jerusalem District Court today for his role in the 1983 bank shares collapse.

Japhet is being charged with securities fraud, misleading customers, and violating banking regulations. If convicted, he will probably face both a prison term and a hefty fine. Two weeks ago, Judge Miriam Naor sentenced Mordechai Einhorn, Leumi's chief operations officer at the time of the collapse, to eight months in prison and an NIS 600,000 fine. In

her verdict, Naor noted that Einhorn was only the No. 2 man at the bank, after Japhet.

All of the other bankers charged with responsibility for the collapse, which cost the state some \$7 billion, were found guilty in February.

Japhet's case was separated from that of the other bankers after he fled the country in 1987. He returned to stand trial earlier this year in the face of a threat by the State Attorney's Office to demand

his extradition from the US.

According to the indictment, from the late 1970s through October 1983, Japhet and 20 other bank officials inflated the price of the bank shares, thus putting the banks' ability to meet their obligations at risk. The bankers also allegedly conspired to hide these efforts from the public, while encouraging bank investment advisers to mislead the public about the real worth of the shares.

Japhet will be represented at the trial by attorney Yigal Arnon. Naor will be hearing the case.

Man stabbed to death in fight over water sprinkler

RAINE MARCUS

AN argument between neighbors over use of a sprinkler resulted in a 21-year-old man being stabbed to death Friday in Rosh Ha'ayin.

At around 1 p.m., Petah Tikva police received a call that a man lay bleeding profusely at the entrance to a building on Rosh Ha'ayin's Rehov David Hamelech. Attempts by Magen David Adom personnel to save Yaron Wesker failed.

The argument between the suspected murderer and Wesker started over payment for the use of water in a garden shared by several tenants. Wesker's father, the head of the tenants' committee, told his neighbor that he was responsible for paying for the water. Yaron Wesker went down to his neighbor's home to persuade him to pay. An argument broke out between the two, and the neighbor grabbed a kitchen knife and stabbed Wesker several times in the chest.

The killer fled but was found a few minutes later hiding in a nearby building. He was arrested and is to appear in Petah Tikva Magistrates Court for a remand hearing this morning.

The suspect is divorced with two children, aged nine and 11, who are living with him. Local social service authorities were alerted and the children were taken into care until final arrangements could be made for them.

Striking social workers stop answering emergency calls

SASHA SADAN

THE strike by the nation's social workers continues into its fourth day today.

As a result, most branches of the National Insurance Institute will be closed, as will mental health clinics, and hearings will not be held to rule on abortion requests. Work at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs will also be affected.

MK Rafi Elul (Labor), head of the social affairs lobby in the Knesset, expressed support over the weekend for the 9,000 members of the Association of Social Workers, who went on strike last Thursday. However, he asked them to reconsider their stance and to respond to emergency calls.

The social workers - under orders from the union's strike headquarters in Tel Aviv - shut off their beepers and did not take emergency calls. However, union spokesman David Ziso said that a social worker did break the strike yesterday to help the family of the 23-year-old woman knifed in Gush Katif after an emergency call for help was received.

In contrast, a Haifa policeman who asked for help in the alleged rape of a minor was turned down. In such cases, only a social worker trained as a youth investigator can take down the victim's testimony, but no youth investigator was permitted to take the call.

Social workers were also not allowed to intervene in the case of a 28-year-old woman brought to the hospital in shock and bruised all over her body. The woman, a mother of four, was apparently attacked by her husband. As a result, she could neither be placed in a shelter nor released from the hospital.

The strike headquarters also refused to allow intervention in the case of a four-month-old baby temporarily in the care of his grandfather. The baby, in need of emergency heart surgery, is the son of mentally ill parents.

There has been no contact between the strikers and the Treasury since the walkout began. Ziso said last night. The social workers are protesting what they see as the Treasury renegeing on its word or delaying its implementation, thereby not meeting the terms of the wage contract signed last May.

Heat wave finally breaks

COOL air moved into the country Friday night, breaking the four-day heat wave. On Friday, 75 kph winds were measured at Ben-Gurion Airport, while the temperature on the runways reached 41 degrees. The dense haze, which severely reduced visibility for half an hour, forced air traffic controllers to delay the landing of several flights. Earlier Friday, sandstorms knocked over 10 high-voltage power lines in a Beduin encampment in the south, damaging the area's electrical system, but causing no injuries. Amir Rozenbli

NEWS IN BRIEFS

Polish man dies in fall

Tadeusz Murkova, 52, of Poland, was killed yesterday morning when he fell down the stairwell of a Tel Aviv building from the fourth-floor landing to the ground floor. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Magen David Adom personnel. Police say they have no reason to suspect foul play. IUm

Woman dies after dental treatment

Ha'amakim District police are investigating how an Upper Nazareth woman died shortly after she began undergoing dental treatment at a local clinic. IUm

Rivka Moskovich, 61, arrived at the clinic for treatment on Thursday. After the dentist began treating her, she asked to go to the bathroom, where she suddenly lost consciousness. She was taken to Afula's Ha'emek Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Her body was sent Friday to the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute for an autopsy. Moskovich apparently had a history of heart trouble, but as yet it is unclear whether this had anything to do with her death. IUm

21 months for driving without a license

The Tel Aviv Traffic Court on Friday sentenced Yitzhak Ben-Zaken, 25, a local resident, to 21 months' imprisonment for driving while his license was suspended and without compulsory insurance. Included in the sentence was a six months' suspended sentence for a previous traffic violation, which Judge Ephraim Doron activated. Ben-Zaken's license was also suspended for six years.

In another case, Doron sentenced Moshe Zalkashvili to three months' imprisonment and a NIS 1,000 fine, resulting from an accident he had last year while driving without a license. An investigation found that, in fact, Zalkashvili had never held a license, even in his native CIS. IUm

Man arrested for threatening to blow up bus station released on bail

A man arrested for allegedly threatening to blow up the Tel Aviv bus station was released on bail Friday. David Sa'adon, 39, of Kiryat Shmona was arrested last Wednesday by Yarkon District police.

Police told a Tel Aviv Magistrates Court judge that Sa'adon, who was carrying a briefcase, was arrested in the station when he started telling people he was going to blow it up. He refused to show police any identification and was arrested.

Judge Zvi Gurfinkel said that even though Sa'adon was eccentric and spoke incoherently, this did not justify imprisoning him or sending him for psychiatric observation, and ordered him released on bail. IUm

Winning cards

In Friday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the jack of spades, queen of hearts, queen of diamonds and seven of clubs.



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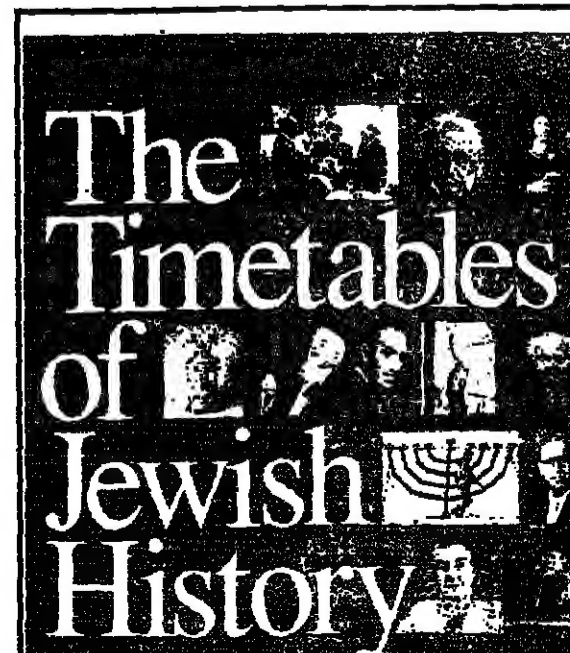
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